

ANNEX 5

STATEMENT ON MARINE GEOENGINEERING

During the forty-sixth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention and the nineteenth Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol, the Parties continued their discussions on marine geoengineering including risks to the marine environment and potential benefits for mitigating climate change.

The Parties will continue to advance their scientific understanding of marine geoengineering techniques to inform their potential actions.

This work of the London Convention and London Protocol Parties and the Scientific Groups will continue in the intersessional period as summarized below.

Parties have identified several priorities for further legal and technical analysis with regard to marine geoengineering techniques. Parties are continuing to evaluate options for appropriate action, including the applicability of the existing frameworks of LC/LP and potential further regulation. The governing bodies have prioritized refining working definitions for each of the four prioritized marine geoengineering techniques with the aim of presenting them to the governing bodies for approval during the Meeting of the Parties in 2025. The work of the Scientific Groups will include the development of guidance and assessment tools for proposed marine geoengineering research. Further intersessional legal work will focus on potential listing of additional marine geoengineering techniques to the 2013 amendment and providing clarity on application of London Convention and London Protocol provisions.

Parties have also identified a need to continue coordination with other international entities to both encourage the sharing of information and also clarify the roles of these entities in the governance of marine geoengineering.
