

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE COASTS AND WATERS OF THE NORTHEAST ATLANTIC AGAINST POLLUTION

The Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Kingdom of Morocco and the European Community, hereinafter called "the Parties":

Aware of the need to protect the environment in general and the marine environment in particular;

Recognizing that pollution of the north-east Atlantic Ocean by hydrocarbons and other harmful substances may threaten the marine environment and the interests of coastal States;

Noting the need to promote a rapid entry into force of the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the coasts and waters of North-East Atlantic against pollution, done at Lisbon on 17 October 1990, hereinafter called "Lisbon Agreement":

agree as follows:

Article 1

Amendment to the Lisbon Agreement

The paragraph c) of Article 3 of the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the coasts and waters of North-East Atlantic against pollution, done at Lisbon on 17 October 1990 (the "Lisbon Agreement") is replaced by the following text:

"c) to the south by the southern limit of waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of any of the Contracting States"

Article 2

Relationship between the Lisbon Agreement and the Additional Protocol

This Protocol shall amend the Lisbon Agreement pursuant to the preceding article and to the Parties of this Protocol, the Agreement and Additional Protocol shall be interpreted and applied together as one instrument.

Article 3

Consent to be bound and entry into force

1 - This Protocol is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the Parties and the respective instruments to be deposited with the Government of the Portuguese Republic.

2 - This Protocol shall enter into force upon receipt by the Government of the Portuguese Republic the last instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

3 - No Party may express their consent to be bound by this Protocol without previously or simultaneously expressed its consent to be bound by the Lisbon Agreement in accordance with Article 22.

4 - Upon entry into force of this Protocol, any accession to the Lisbon Agreement, according to the procedure stipulated in their articles. 23 and 24, it also represent consent to be bound by this Protocol, binding the Parties to the Lisbon Agreement as amended by Article 1 of this Protocol.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Protocol.

Done at Lisbon on the twentieth day of May 2008, in Arabic, Spanish, French and Portuguese, the French text being authentic in case of divergence.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO:



FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY:

