

### **HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 5/3**

Adopted 14 March 1984, having regard to Article 13,  
Paragraph b) of the Helsinki Convention

#### **RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR THE CALCULATION OF THE TOTAL COSTS WHICH SHOULD BE PAID BY THE REQUESTING COUNTRY TO THE ASSISTING COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES**

##### **THE COMMISSION,**

**RECALLING** HELCOM Recommendation 3/5 concerning financial impact of assistance rendered,

**RECOGNIZING** the need to establish supplementary guidelines for the calculation of the total costs which should be paid by the Requesting Country to the Assisting Country or Countries,

**RECOMMENDS** that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should use the following guidelines when deciding on the monetary implications between the Requesting Country and the Assisting Country or Countries:

- a) a fundamental principle for the calculation of costs which should be paid by the requesting country to the assisting country or countries is that the calculation must be based on cost price;
- b) a country requesting assistance may withdraw its request at any time, but in that case it shall bear costs already incurred or committed by the assisting country or countries;
- c) an assisting country shall at any time be prepared to give the requesting country a preliminary estimation of the costs for the assistance; and
- d) these guidelines shall not be interpreted as in any way prejudicing the rights of a country to recover from third parties the costs of action to deal with pollution or the threat of pollution under other applicable provisions and rules of national and international law.