

**Statement to IMO-ESPH 19 – Clean Shipping Coalition (CSC),
21st October 2013**

Thank you Mr Chairman and Good afternoon everybody.

CSC fully supports and welcomes this paper and the willingness to take action to avoid a repeat of the incidents along the south west coast of the UK this year referred to in the paper. NGOs working on the ground were active in responding first hand to the impacts of releasing polyisobutylene products into the marine environment.

Our preference would be for Option 1 as a clear, consistent and precautionary measure, given the increasing transportation of these products, the need for stricter cargo recording, the scarcity of detailed scientific research on the wider environmental impacts of discharging PIBs and given that tank washings and residues are often mixed with caustic or corrosive cleaning agents, as was the case in these incidents.

Along with the added requirements to submit Highly Reactive PIB products for separate assessment and subsequent classification, as set out in Section 3.2, the measures put forward in this paper would, if agreed, mark a significant step in the protection of the marine environment.

Thank you.