

**AGREEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM**  
**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALLOWING THE EXEMPTION OF FORCE**  
**MAJEURE OR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

**June 2001**

1. All requests for exemption contemplated under Section II of Annex IV of the AIDCP shall be sent to the Secretariat by April 1.
2. The Parties shall send the evidence necessary to demonstrate that the facts on which the request for exemption is based are unforeseeable or beyond the vessel owner's control.
3. The Secretariat shall immediately send the request to the other Parties for their consideration, duly coded in order to maintain the anonymity of the name, flag and owner of the vessel.
4. The request shall be considered accepted, unless a Party objects to it formally and with cause, in which case the Secretariat shall notify all Parties of the objection. The objection shall be considered accepted if it is supported by a majority of the government members of the International Review Panel.