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**BOUNDARY OF MARPOL
ANTARCTIC SPECIAL AREA**

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MESSAGE:

Dear Mr. Im,

Boundary of Antarctic Special Area

As you are aware, the Antarctic is designated as a Special Area under the MARPOL 73/78 Convention as an area South of latitude 60°S. The Marine Environment Protection Committee of IMO has received a proposal to amend the boundary of the Antarctic Special Area to make it correspond with the biological boundary of the Antarctic Area by FOEI (MEPC 35/8/7). The Committee noted that the proposal was to use the boundary of the Antarctic Area as defined in the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

The Committee was informed that the Environmental Protocol of the Antarctic Treaty has provisions similar to MARPOL 73/78, therefore any action taken should be conducted in close co-operation with the Parties to the Antarctic Treaty.

Mr. Sander van Bennekom was kind enough to inform us that the ATCM is in session. I should be grateful if you could arrange to ask for comments of the ATCM on the proposed amendments.

At the time of MEPC 35, I understand that the ATCM Protocol was not in force and I am aware that, until the Protocol enters into force, it will be impossible to amend it.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Okamura', written in a cursive style.

B. Okamura
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ANNEX

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES I, II AND V
OF THE MARPOL CONVENTION

Annex I, regulation 10(1)(g)

Proposed new text:

The Antarctic area means the area bounded by a line joining the following points along parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude:

50°S, 0°; 50°S, 30°E; 45°S, 30°E; 45°S, 80°E; 55°S, 80°E;
55°S, 150°E; 60°S, 150°E; 60°S, 50°W; 50°S, 50°W; 50°S, 0°;

Annex II, regulation 1(9A)

Proposed new text:

The Antarctic area means the area bounded by a line joining the following points along parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude:

50°S, 0°; 50°S, 30°E; 45°S, 30°E; 45°S, 80°E; 55°S, 80°E;
55°S, 150°E; 60°S, 150°E; 60°S, 50°W; 50°S, 50°W; 50°S, 0°;

Annex V, regulation 5(1)(g)

Proposed new text:

The Antarctic area means the area bounded by a line joining the following points along parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude:

50°S, 0°; 50°S, 30°E; 45°S, 30°E; 45°S, 80°E; 55°S, 80°E;
55°S, 150°E; 60°S, 150°E; 60°S, 50°W; 50°S, 50°W; 50°S, 0°;