



## **EMERGENCY KIMO RESOLUTION 8/01**

Presented by the Isle of Man Government

### **MIXED OXIDE FUEL (MOX) PLANT AT THE SELLAFIELD REPROCESSING PLANT**

KIMO is deeply concerned with the decision of UK Government Ministers to sanction production of nuclear fuel at the Sellafield MOX plant.

#### **KIMO**

**Having regard that radioactive discharges present a real threat to communities around Northern Seas and that Northern Seas communities all rely on clean seas - and a public perception of clean seas - for their seafood, tourist and agricultural industries,**

**Having concerns for the increasing discharges of radioactive wastes from Europe's nuclear reprocessing plants, in particular Sellafield and discharges of technetium-99,**

**Having regard for the views of the majority of Contracting Parties to the OSPAR Convention that the 'non-reprocessing option' should be adopted for spent nuclear fuel,**

**Having regard to KIMO Resolution 6/01 agreed by Delegates from 7 Northern Seas countries at their 11<sup>th</sup> International Annual General Meeting, KIMO is opposed to any expansion of nuclear facilities at Sellafield.**

**Believes that this decision will result in increased nuclear transports between Europe and Asia any may encourage the possible use of the highly controversial Russian Arctic route to Japan.**

**Is deeply concerned that this decision will ultimately increase sea transport of high hazardous nuclear cargoes through European waters and so threaten coastal communities.**

#### **KIMO further believes:**

That this decision will substantially increase the risk of terrorists seizing this material and runs counter to world wide actions to work together to reduce the risks of terror groups obtaining nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction. This decision by the UK Government ignores that call and extends the possibility of proliferation of plutonium around the world.

## **KIMO**

**Taking into account KIMO Resolutions 5/01 & 6/01 agreed at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Annual General Meeting of KIMO International in Göteborg on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2001,**

**(1) Calls on Northern Sea Governments to oppose any nuclear shipments of MOX through their territorial waters or Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)**

**(2) Supports the calls by the majority of OSPAR Contracting Parties for the adoption of the 'non-reprocessing option' for spent nuclear fuel**

**(3) Supports the concerns over existing and proposed increased discharges from Sellafield**

**(4) Calls on all Northern Sea States to take all possible actions to support the above aims**

**(5) Agrees to submit this Resolution to all National Governments, the European Commission and other relevant organisations**

\*This Resolution was agreed unanimously by Delegates at the 11<sup>th</sup> KIMO International Annual General Meeting in Göteborg, Sweden on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2001 and became KIMO policy upon that date.