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## ABSTRACT

# EFFECTIVENESS OF THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AGAINST VESSEL SOURCE MARINE POLLUTION: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION ACT OF SRI LANKA

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This research is based on the effectiveness of the application of international instruments against vessel sources of marine pollution which can be identified as a pressing issue in the value of international maritime law. This research discusses different sources of marine pollution and defines how Marine environments are polluted by human intervention. Different reasons for the pollution of marine environments through vessels transporting goods and passengers. The significance of the seaworthiness of a vessel is discussed in this research which is identified as of paramount importance in ensuring that vessels do not contribute who was the pollution of fauna and flora in such environments.

This research is conducted in the form of desk research which uses secondary sources of data which includes national and international legislative instruments as well as case laws. This research is mainly based on theories and comments of academia based on literary sources such as books and journal articles. This research primarily focuses on the legislative framework of Sri Lanka based on the Marine Pollution Act of 2008 and its strength to protect the marine environment practically and reactivity. Cases of the International Court of Justice are also discussed along with international conventions which include the United Nations Convention of Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of Ships (MARPOL). The liability of the ship owners is also discussed based on the international framework in terms of carriage of goods by sea. Several recommendations are proposed in this research for strengthening and proper implementation of the existing legislative framework of Sri Lanka with special reference to the Marine Pollution Act through lessons learned from international experiences in preventing vessel source marine pollution.

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