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## **International Law and Marine Pollution by Oil: Problem's Presentation**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The humanity faces today a very complicated problem threatening it and other creatures with destruction; this problem is marine pollution in general and marine pollution by oil in particular.

Marine pollution is attributed to various sources such as land, sea and air. Recently, marine oil pollution drew the attention of politicians, environment and physics scientists, lawyers and others after Torrey Canyon oil tanker destruction near England coasts in 1968 which led to very bad consequences.

I tried in this article to shed light on this problem from many aspects, such as:

The diagnosis of this problem; its reasons, its sources in general, and other sources such as human activities in the oceans and oil tankers' accidents.

The international and regional efforts to combat the problem, and the treaties and conventions concluded for this purpose are mentioned and discussed.

Measures to be followed by states concerned to combat and control this problem are also shown.

**Keywords:** Marine pollution by oil, oil pollution, marine collisions, Geneva convention 1958, UN convention on the law of the sea 1982, dumping, international law of the sea, pollution from ships, oil tankers, intentional spillage of oil.

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