

A Cleaner Future

(1) The European Union announced Tuesday that Romania has finally joined other Eastern European countries in an attempt to control the growing pollution in the Black Sea.

(2) The consensus agreed that the outline should have stiff guidelines to be followed in this area, including the banning of garbage and toxic materials, not only in the Black Sea, but the rivers and connecting waters surrounding it.

(3) If a vessel is caught dumping waste into the sea, both the ship and its country of origin will be dealt with using fines, banning, or other harsh penalties.

(4) The proposal, brought to the table by Bulgaria at the European Conference, would also require that ships using these waters be equipped with waste-disposal filtering machinery.

(5) The proposal will be put into use once it passes through three stages of the ratification process.

語注

(2) stiff 厳しい

(3) vessel 船 harsh 厳しい

(4) equip 設備を備える

(5) ratification 批准