

Motions

Motion number	8
Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA	
Member party	Fryske Nasjonale Partij (FNP)
Title [of the Motion]	Maritime safety: prevention of container loss
<p>a) Considering that hundreds of containers were lost in Europe in recent years, including by MSC Zoe with 342 containers in 2019 and by several smaller incidents since;</p> <p>b) considering that lost containers and their content pose a significant risk to the environment and to marine life, especially in areas of high natural or cultural value, such as for instance the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site;</p> <p>c) considering that, despite the liability of ship operators, recovering container wrecks and remedying damage from spillage and hazardous materials comes with high public costs;</p> <p>d) considering that the mandatory use of trackers/geolocation may mitigate these costs;</p> <p>e) considering that in practice, container stowage and securing are not sufficient to ensure maritime safety and do not prevent the loss of containers in heavy weather conditions;</p> <p>f) considering that in answer to questions from the European Parliament in 2019 and 2020, the European Commission wrote that it is aware of the navigational and environmental threats container losses present and that the Commission will continue to work on solving the matter within the International Maritime Organisation (IMO);</p> <p>The European Free Alliance calls upon:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the EU and the Member States to close off shipping lanes for container vessels in the vicinity of areas of high natural or cultural value, if there is a risk that these container vessels cannot be kept under control or that they might lose cargo under bad weather conditions; 2. the EU and the Member States to ensure compliance with relevant European and international rules on maritime safety and to ensure effective inspection; 3. the European Commission and the Member States to increase their efforts to solve these issues worldwide within the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). 	