

## RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION A.315 (ES.V)

*Adopted on 17 October 1974  
Agenda item 4*

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE IMCO CONVENTION

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Resolution A.69(ES.II) by which it adopted amendments to the IMCO Convention increasing the membership of the Council and Resolution A.70(IV) by which amendments were adopted to the IMCO Convention to increase the number of members in the Maritime Safety Committee and to modify the method of their election,

NOTING AND WELCOMING the increase in the membership of the Organization since these amendments were adopted,

RECOGNIZING the need to ensure at all times that the principal organs of the Organization are representative of the total membership of the Organization and ensure equitable geographic representation of Member States on the Council,

RECALLING its Resolution A.314(VIII) by which it decided to convene an Ad Hoc Working Group to study proposed amendments to the IMCO Convention concerning the size and composition of the Council and the Maritime Safety Committee and any consequential related amendments,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group, including the Working Group's recommendations on proposed amendments to the IMCO Convention,

HAVING ADOPTED at the fifth extraordinary session of the Assembly held in London from 16 to 18 October 1974, amendments, the texts of which are contained in the Annex to this Resolution, to Articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31 and 32 of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,

HAVING DETERMINED, in accordance with the provisions of Article 52 of the Convention, that these amendments are of such a nature that any Member which hereafter declares that it does not accept the amendments and which does not accept the amendments within a period of twelve months after the amendments come into force shall, upon the expiration of this period, cease to be a Party to the Convention,

REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization to deposit the adopted amendments with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with Article 53 of the IMCO Convention and to receive declarations and instruments of acceptance as provided for in Article 54,

INVITES the Member Governments to accept each amendment at the earliest possible date after receiving a copy thereof from the Secretary-General of the United Nations by communicating the appropriate instrument of acceptance to the Secretary-General.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL  
MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

**Article 10**

*The existing text is replaced by the following:*

An Associate Member shall have the rights and obligations of a Member under the Convention except that it shall not have the right to vote or be eligible for membership on the Council and subject to this the word "Member" in the Convention shall be deemed to include Associate Member unless the context otherwise requires.

**Article 16**

*The existing text of paragraph (d) is replaced by the following:*

(d) To elect the Members to be represented on the Council as provided in Article 17.

**Article 17**

*The existing text is replaced by the following:*

The Council shall be composed of twenty-four Members elected by the Assembly.

**Article 18**

*The existing text is replaced by the following:*

In electing the Members of the Council, the Assembly shall observe the following criteria:

- (a) Six shall be States with the largest interest in providing international shipping services;
- (b) Six shall be other States with the largest interest in international seaborne trade;
- (c) Twelve shall be States not elected under (a) or (b) above, which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation, and whose election to the Council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world.

**Article 20**

*The existing text is replaced by the following:*

- (a) The Council shall elect its Chairman and adopt its own Rules of Procedure except as otherwise provided in the Convention.
- (b) Sixteen Members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
- (c) The Council shall meet upon one month's notice as often as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties upon the summons of its Chairman or upon request by not less than four of its Members. It shall meet at such places as may be convenient.

## Article 28

*The existing text is replaced by the following:*

The Maritime Safety Committee shall consist of all the Members.

## Article 31

*The existing text is replaced by the following:*

The Maritime Safety Committee shall meet at least once a year. It shall elect its officers once a year and shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.

## Article 32

*This Article is deleted.*

*Articles 33 through 63 are renumbered accordingly.*

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### **WIDER REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Resolution A.315(ES.V) adopted unanimously by the fifth extraordinary session of the Assembly of the Organization regarding the increase of the membership and composition of the Council and the opening of the Maritime Safety Committee to all Members,

NOTING FURTHER that a high number of the Members of the Organization is constituted by developing countries and that such fact has not so far been reflected in the composition of the governing bodies of the Organization,

DECLARES that the amendments included in the above-mentioned Resolution were adopted as a recognition of the need of a wider and more equitable representation in the Council of all sectors interested in the work of the Organization, having regard to the increased membership of the Organization and the need to improve the representation of developing countries on the Council.