



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Committee I
Agenda item 2

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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF ARTICLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Draft Texts of the Preamble, new revised paragraph (a) of Article I,
Article II, new revised paragraph (a) of Articles X, XI, XII, XIII and XIV

Agreed by the Committee

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR
THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

THE CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS,

BEING DESIROUS of promoting safety of life at sea by establishing in
common agreement uniform principles and rules directed thereto,

CONSIDERING that this end may best be achieved by the conclusion of a Con-
vention to replace and bring up to date the International Convention for the Safety
of Life at Sea, 1960, in the light of developments since it was concluded,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

New agreed draft text of Article I(a)*

(a) The Contracting Governments^{**} undertake to give effect to the provisions
of the present Convention and the Annex thereto, which shall constitute an
integral part of the present Convention. Every reference to the present
Convention constitutes at the same time a reference to the Annex.

* to replace text in SOLAS/CONF/C.1/2

** It was suggested that the Drafting Committee should consider the possibility
of replacing the words "Contracting Government" by "Contracting Party"
throughout the Convention. The majority of the Committee was, however, of
the opinion that the words "Contracting Government" should remain unchanged.

Article IIApplication

The present Convention shall apply to ships entitled to fly the flag of States the Governments of which are Contracting Governments.

New agreed draft text of Article X(a)*

(a) The present Convention shall remain open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 November 1974 until 1 July 1975 and shall thereafter remain open for accession. Governments of States may become Parties to the present Convention by:

Article XIEntry into Force

(a) The present Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than twenty-five Governments of States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have become Parties to it in accordance with Article X.

(b) Acceptances deposited after the date on which the present Convention enters into force shall take effect three months after the date of their deposit.

(c) After the date on which all the conditions required under Article IX to bring an amendment to the present Convention into force have been fulfilled any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited shall apply to the Convention as amended.

Article XIIDenunciation

(a) The present Convention may be denounced by any Contracting Government at any time after the expiry of five years from the date on which the Convention enters into force for that Government.

* to replace text in SOLAS/CONF/C.1/3

(b) Denunciation shall be effected by a notification in writing addressed to the Organization which shall notify all the other Contracting Governments of any denunciation received and of the date of its receipt as well as the date on which such denunciation takes effect.

(c) A denunciation shall take effect one year, or such longer period as may be specified in the notification, after its receipt by the Organization.

Article XIII

Deposit and Registration

(a) The present Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Organization who shall transmit certified true copies thereof to all States which have signed the present Convention or acceded to it.

(b) As soon as the present Convention enters into force, the text shall be transmitted by the Secretary-General of the Organization to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration and publication, in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article XIV

Languages

The present Convention is established in a single copy in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic. Official translations in the Arabic, German and Italian languages shall be prepared and deposited with the signed original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose have signed the present Convention.

DONE AT LONDON

Note:

Article VI

The old Article VI of the 1960 Safety Convention has been deleted and a similar Article shall not be included in the Convention. Subsequently Articles VII to XIV will have to be renumbered by the Drafting Committee.

