



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Committee I
Agenda item 3

IMCO

CONSIDERATION OF ANY DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE RELATING
TO THE ARTICLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Draft Resolutions 1, 2 and 3

Agreed by the Committee

Draft Resolution 1

COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

THE CONFERENCE

HAVING CONCLUDED the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 to replace the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

NOTING that with respect to technical provisions the substantive changes from the 1960 Convention incorporated in the 1974 Convention have been limited to:

- (a) amendments to the 1960 Convention which have been adopted by the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization; and
- (b) new Regulations recommended by the Assembly for inclusion in the 1974 Convention,

RECOGNIZING the need for future work to be pursued towards the comprehensive revision of the technical provisions of the 1974 Convention to keep abreast of the technological developments,

RECOGNIZING also that the 1974 Convention provides in Article IX improved amendment procedures to enable such revised technical provisions to be adopted and brought into force in an expeditious manner,

TAKING NOTE of the work being carried out or envisaged by the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization directed towards an extensive revision and modernization of the Safety Convention,

INVITES the Organization to pursue the work in this field with high priority so that the technical provisions of the 1974 Safety Convention may be revised as necessary as soon as possible and kept updated thereafter.

Draft Resolution 2

RAPID AMENDMENT PROCEDURE AND ENTRY INTO FORCE
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR
THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

THE CONFERENCE,

BEING AWARE of its principal objectives as set forth in Resolution A.304(VIII) of the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,

TAKING NOTE of paragraph (a) of Article I of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, by which the Contracting Governments undertake to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and of the Regulations annexed thereto,

NOTES with particular interest Article IX of the Convention which provides for a simplified procedure for bringing into force future amendments to the technical provisions of the Annex to the Convention,

REALIZES that the effectiveness of that amendment procedure largely depends on there being national procedures for rapid acceptance of amendments,

URGES States to become Parties to the Convention as soon as possible and to give effect to later amendments thereto with the minimum of delay.

Draft Resolution 3

VOTING RIGHTS IN THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE
FOR THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS

THE CONFERENCE,

RECALLING that one of the main objectives of the Conference is to incorporate improved amendment procedures in a new Convention to replace the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960,

HAVING CONCLUDED the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 to replace the 1960 Convention,

BEING SATISFIED with the provisions of Article IX of the 1974 Convention that amendments to the Convention shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of Contracting Governments present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee, whether or not they are Members of the Organization,

NOTING that the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization at its fifth extraordinary session decided by Resolution A.317(ES.V) that the Organization should pursue studies on proposals for amendments to the IMCO Convention in order, inter alia, that the Maritime Safety Committee could follow voting procedures as provided for in a convention when exercising functions conferred upon it by such a convention,

RECOGNIZING that the interpretation of the IMCO Convention is the prerogative of the Assembly of the Organization in accordance with Article 55 of that Convention,

RECOMMENDS the Assembly that it give favourable consideration to the interpretation of the IMCO Convention to enable the Maritime Safety Committee to follow voting procedures for adopting amendments to the 1974 Safety Convention as provided for in Article IX thereof.
