



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

Redraft of Paragraphs 1 and 2(a) to 2(f) of Article IX

Article IX

Amendment

1. The present Convention may be amended [by any of the] [a] procedure[s] specified in the following paragraphs.
2. Amendments after consideration in the Organization:
 - (a) any amendment proposed by a Contracting Government shall be submitted to the Organization and circulated by it to all Members of the Organization and all Contracting Governments at least six months prior to its consideration;
 - (b) any amendment proposed and circulated as above shall be referred to the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization for consideration;
 - (c) Contracting Governments, whether or not Members of the Organization, shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Maritime Safety Committee for the consideration and adoption of amendments as specified in this Article;
 - (d) amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee enlarged as provided for in sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph provided that at least one third of the Contracting Governments shall be present at the time of voting;

- (e) *if adopted in accordance with sub-paragraph (d) of this paragraph, amendments shall be communicated by the Organization** to all Contracting Governments for acceptance;
- (f) an amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted in the following circumstances:
- (i) an amendment to an Article of the Convention or to Chapter I [of the Annex] to the Convention shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date on which it is accepted by two-thirds of the Contracting Governments;
 - (ii) an amendment to the Annex to the Convention other than Chapter I [of the Annex] shall be deemed to have been accepted:
 - (1) at the end of two years from the date on which it is notified to Contracting Governments for acceptance; or
 - (2) if so determined at the time of its adoption by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee enlarged as provided in sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph, at the end of a different period which shall not be less than one year.

If within the specified period, more than one-third of Contracting Governments, or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than fifty per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, whichever condition is fulfilled, notify the Organization that they object to the amendment, it shall be deemed not to have been accepted;

* It was suggested that the Drafting Committee should consider the possibility of combining sub-paragraphs (d) and (e).

** The Drafting Committee is invited to consider whether various communications required by the Convention should be made by "the Organization" or "the Secretary-General of the Organization".

- (iii) any Contracting Government may, before the date set for entry into force, give notice to the Organization that it exempts itself from giving effect to the amendment for a period not exceeding one year from the date of entry into force of that amendment, unless a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Governments present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee enlarged as provided for in sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph at the time of the adoption of the amendment decides that a longer period may be authorized.
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