



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
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Committee II  
Agenda item 5

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DRAFT REPORT OF COMMITTEE II

Insert between the fourth and fifth paragraphs the heading  
"Chapter II - 2 (former Chapter II bis)".

Replace paragraph 5 by the following:

"5. The Committee agreed to recommend in Regulation 8(f) that the use of steam should be prohibited except where it might be used as an addition to the extinguishing medium required by Regulation .... Regulation 8(f) also lays down the conditions under which an Administration might permit the use of steam for this purpose. The Committee recommend that the Organization should continue to study the question of the use of steam."

In paragraph 9 the second sentence should read: "The Committee agreed to recommend that the special attention of the appropriate body of the Organization should be drawn to the following subjects:"

In paragraph 9(b) delete "was proposed" and add at the end "should be considered".

In paragraph 9(c) delete "was expressed" and add at the end "should be considered".

Amend paragraph 11 to read;

"11 In a similar connection it was recommended that the Organization be invited to look into the matter of standardization of liferafts and their equipment, particularly with a view to items which are liable to be changed at periodical inspections, e.g. valves, launching systems and gas-bottles. It would appear appropriate which elements are generally

interchangeable and to determine a uniformity of design with the object of facilitating the inspection of life-saving elements and the obtaining of spares in any part of the world."

Paragraph 12 should be replaced by the following:

"12. Concerning Regulation 13 it was pointed out that there might be some difficulties in complying with paragraph (g) of that Regulation and it was agreed to recommend that these requirements be reviewed by the Organization."

In paragraph 13 replace the second sentence by "The Committee agreed to recommend that the following proposals, which were raised and had some support should be considered by the Organization"

In paragraph 13(1)(b) between "adopting" and "and recommending" insert ",advising".

Insert the following after paragraph 13:

"Resolutions

13 bis The Committee agreed that Annex C of the Final Act of the 1960 Conference should be included as an Annex to the Final Act of this Conference. Concerning the recommendations of Annex D of the Final Act of the 1960 Conference, the Committee agreed on a general resolution drawing the attention of the Organization and Governments to those recommendations which are still valid. The Committee also agreed on a resolution concerning the future revision of the 1974 Convention with reference to a number of special subjects. In respect of the resolution concerning nuclear ships, the delegation of Egypt reserved its position that the Suez Canal Authority may issue special regulations for nuclear ships passing through the canal and may prohibit the passage of any ship not complying with such regulations."

Replace paragraph 14 by the following:

"14 The Committee unanimously agreed on the text of Chapters II - 1, II - 2, III to VIII, the Appendix of the Convention and on draft resolutions to be appended to the Final Act,

which were submitted through the Drafting Committee to the Conference for consideration and adoption."

Delete paragraphs 15, 16 and 17 and insert the following:

"15 It was agreed, because of the size of the overall task, that the metric as well as the imperial units as appearing in the 1960 Convention and in adopted amendments thereto should be retained in the 1974 Convention in all cases where other figures and units have not been explicitly stipulated. The Committee was, however, of the opinion that future efforts should be directed towards utilization of only the metric system. Bearing in mind the activities in other international bodies concerning the introduction of the "Système International d'Unités", this system should also be studied by the Organization with a view to acceptance as and when appropriate. In the future there would in some cases appear to be merit in using metric units different from the metric units presently used. In such cases the recommended principles for the use of units are as follows:

- (a) Engine power output should be given in kW.
- (b) Unit of pressure should be  $\text{kg/cm}^2$ .
- (c) Units of length should be metres or millimetres, except for nautical miles.
- (d) Units of weight should be kg or metric ton (= 1000 kg).

Any recalculations should be carried out with adequate precision and accuracy.

#### Application of units in practical operation

16. Committee II was of the opinion that retaining the two unit systems in the 1974 Safety Convention would hardly lead to any new difficulties in their practical operation. It would appear to be natural that Governments of States where the metric system was generally used in the legislation would adopt the metric units given in the Convention for ships under their own flag, whereas Governments of States

where the imperial system was generally used would use the latter for their ships. In both cases the Governments should allow the use of the other system when inspecting ships of foreign flags, provided there was a basis for this in the stipulations of the Convention."

Add a new paragraph 17 as follows:

"Action to be taken by the Conference

17 The Conference is invited to consider and approve this Report and in particular to recommend the Organization to give consideration to certain points as indicated in the preceding paragraphs."

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