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RESOLUTION A.11 (I)

adopted on 16 January 1959 at the tenth meeting

A.

THE ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the draft agreement as negotiated with the
ILO, (IMCO/A.I/23, Annex 1)

NOTING that the Governing Body of the ILO has already approved
the draft agreement,

APPROVES the draft agreement in accordance with Article 26
of the Convention,

B.

RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING article 48 of the Convention on the Inter-
Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,

RECOGNIZING that the Organization intends to consider
matters concerning maritime shipping and believing that the
establishment of consultative relations with non-governmental
organizations would be a useful means of promoting that objective,

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1. RECOMMENDS that the Organization should enter into consultative relations with appropriate non-governmental organizations and that these relations should be governed by the following principles among others:

- (a) The activity of the non-governmental organization shall be directly related to the Organization's activity and the non-governmental organization shall be in a position to make a substantial contribution to the Organization's work;
- (b) The objectives and functions of the non-governmental organization shall be in harmony with spirit, functions and principles of the Organization;
- (c) The non-governmental organization shall undertake to support the Organization's activities and to promote the dissemination of its principles and work in accordance with the objectives and functions of the Organization on the one hand and the nature and scope of its own competence and activities on the other;
- (d) The non-governmental organization shall be of recognized standing; it shall have a permanent headquarters, an executive officer and a governing body; it shall be authorized to speak for its members through accredited representatives;

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- (e) Decisions concerning the establishment of consultative relations shall be based on the principle that the purpose of such relations shall be, firstly, to enable the Organization to obtain information or expert advice from organizations with particular knowledge in the field and, secondly, to enable organizations representing important groups whose activities have a bearing on the work of the Organization to express their points of view. The relations shall not be such as to place an undue burden on the Organization.

2. RECOMMENDS that the Council should prepare and submit to the Assembly rules governing the granting of consultative status with a view to giving non-governmental organizations certain privileges, such as:

- (a) Access to public meetings for accredited observers of non-governmental organizations;
- (b) The prompt distribution of those documents of the Organization which, in the Organization's opinion, are of interest to the non-governmental organization;
- (c) The circulation of written statements by the non-governmental organization which are considered by the competent authority in the Organization to have a bearing on some aspect of the Organization's work, provided that such statements are written in one of the official languages and do not exceed 2,000 words;

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- (d) Any accredited representative of a non-governmental organization shall be authorized, on written request received not more than forty-eight hours after the adoption of the agenda and following consultation, to make a brief statement before the appropriate organ of the Organization;
- (e) The Organization shall appoint a liaison officer whom the non-governmental organizations may consult and to whom they may apply when they wish to get in touch with members of the Secretariat to discuss a point of common interest.

