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to the Convention on the Inter-
Governmental Maritime Consultative
Organization, signed at Geneva on
6 March 1948

adopted by the Eleventh Session of the Assembly of
the Organization

London, 15 November 1979

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RESOLUTION A.450(XI)
Adopted on 15 November 1979

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION ON THE
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE
ORGANIZATION⁽¹⁾**

The Assembly,

Recalling resolution A.401(X) adopted at its tenth session by which it decided to convene in 1979 an ad hoc working group open to all Member Governments to study and submit to the Assembly at its eleventh session proposals for amending the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, having regard to the submissions presented to the Assembly at its tenth session by the Governments of France, Italy and Nigeria, and other proposals which might be submitted by Member Governments,

Having Considered the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group including the Working Group's recommendations on proposed amendments to the IMCO Convention,

Considering that the adoption of the amendments proposed will complete the process of amending the IMCO Convention which was begun at the fifth extraordinary session of the Assembly in 1974,

Noting with satisfaction that the needed revisions in the IMCO Convention have all been initiated within the Organization and have been considered in a spirit of goodwill and mutual accommodation and adopted with the general agreement of Members,

1. Adopts amendments to Articles 17, 18, 20 and 51 of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the texts of which are contained in the Annex to the present resolution;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the Organization to deposit the adopted amendments with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with Article 52 of the IMCO Convention and to receive instruments of acceptance and declarations as provided for in Article 53 of the Convention;

3. Urges Members, in view of the special importance of these amendments, to take the necessary steps to accept them at the earliest possible date after receiving copies thereof, by communicating the appropriate instruments of acceptance to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 53 of the Convention.

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 54 (1958). Cmnd. 589, as amended by Treaty Series No. 92 (1967). Cmnd. 3463, Treaty Series No. 105 (1968). Cmnd. 3839, Treaty Series No. 69 (1978). Cmnd. 7262, Treaty Series No. 34 (1982), Cmnd. 8632, and Treaty Series No. 8 (1986) Cmnd. 9719.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

The existing text of Article 17 (renumbered as Article 16 under the 1977 amendments⁽²⁾) is replaced by the following:

The Council shall be composed of thirty-two Members elected by the Assembly.

The existing text of Article 18 (renumbered as Article 17 under the 1977 amendments) is replaced by the following:

In electing the Members of the Council, the Assembly shall observe the following criteria:

- (a) Eight shall be States with the largest interest in providing international shipping services;
- (b) Eight shall be other States with the largest interest in international seaborne trade;
- (c) Sixteen shall be States not elected under (a) or (b) above which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation, and whose election to the Council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world.

The existing text of Article 20 (renumbered as Article 19 under the 1977 amendments) is replaced by the following:

- (a) The Council shall elect its Chairman and adopt its own Rules of Procedure except as otherwise provided in the Convention.
- (b) Twenty-one Members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
- (c) The Council shall meet upon one month's notice as often as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties upon the summons of its Chairman or upon request by not less than four of its Members. It shall meet at such places as may be convenient.

The existing text of Article 51 (renumbered as Article 66 under the 1977 amendments) is replaced by the following:

Texts of proposed amendments to the Convention shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to Members at least six months in advance of their consideration by the Assembly. Amendments shall be adopted by a two thirds majority vote of the Assembly. Twelve months after its acceptance by two thirds of the Members of the Organization, other than Associate Members, each amendment shall come into force for all Members. If within the first 60 days of this period of twelve months a Member gives notification of withdrawal from the Organization on account of an amendment the withdrawal shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 58 of the Convention, take effect on the date on which such amendment comes into force.

⁽²⁾Treaty Series No. 8 (1986), Cmnd. 9719.

ACCEPTANCES

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of instrument of acceptance</i>
Algeria	28 Oct. 1983
Antigua and Barbuda	13 Jan. 1986
Argentina	13 June 1983
Australia	17 Nov. 1980
Austria	6 Apr. 1983
Bahamas	23 May 1980
Bahrain	25 Apr. 1980
Bangladesh	17 Mar. 1980
Barbados	3 Mar. 1980
Belgium	23 Dec. 1980
Brazil	10 Nov. 1983
Brunei Darussalam	31 Dec. 1984
Bulgaria	21 Oct. 1980
Canada	23 May 1980
Cameroon	2 Feb. 1984
Cape Verde	30 Aug. 1983
Chile	16 Mar. 1981
China, People's Republic of	29 July 1981
Colombia	9 Aug. 1985
Cyprus	7 Oct. 1982
Cuba	3 Nov. 1983
Czechoslovakia	17 Nov. 1982
Denmark	12 May 1981
Djibouti	1 June 1982
Dominica	10 Nov. 1983
Dominican Republic	10 Nov. 1983
Egypt, Arab Republic of	14 Sept. 1982
Ethiopia	8 Dec. 1982
Finland	14 Jan. 1980
France	26 May 1983
Gabon	10 Nov. 1983
German Democratic Republic	10 June 1980
Germany, Federal Republic of*	23 June 1980
Ghana	14 Nov. 1983
Greece	28 July 1981
Guyana	16 Aug. 1985
Honduras	9 Oct. 1985
Hungary	3 May 1982
Iceland	28 July 1980
India	5 May 1980
Indonesia	29 July 1983
Iraq	6 Apr. 1983
Ireland	27 Oct. 1981
Israel	15 Dec. 1982
Italy*	13 June 1983
Ivory Coast	4 Nov. 1981
Jamaica	30 Apr. 1980
Jordan	18 Jan. 1984
Kenya	19 Apr. 1983

Korea, Republic of	31 Mar.	1980
Lebanon	19 Apr.	1983
Liberia	8 Jan.	1981
Malaysia	2 Apr.	1981
Maldives	2 Apr.	1980
Mexico	23 Mar.	1983
Morocco*	25 July	1980
Mozambique	10 Nov.	1983
Nepal	1 Nov.	1982
Netherlands†	29 June	1981
New Zealand	15 Dec.	1980
Nicaragua	17 Mar.	1982
Nigeria	11 Dec.	1984
Norway	28 July	1981
Oman	24 May	1982
Panama	11 Dec.	1984
Pakistan	10 Dec.	1982
Peru	28 July	1982
Philippines	11 July	1983
Poland	20 Nov.	1980
Portugal	22 Dec.	1982
Qatar	29 June	1982
Romania	14 Sept.	1982
Saint Lucia	14 Sept.	1983
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	29 Apr.	1981
Saudi Arabia	15 May	1985
Senegal	20 June	1983
Seychelles	7 July	1982
Singapore	1 Nov.	1983
Somalia	6 Dec.	1983
Spain	14 Apr.	1981
Sri Lanka	17 Mar.	1981
Suriname	28 May	1980
Sweden	25 Nov.	1980
Switzerland	22 May	1981
Tanzania	26 May	1983
Thailand	23 Mar.	1983
Togo	20 June	1983
Trinidad and Tobago	5 July	1983
Tunisia	5 Jan.	1983
Turkey	4 Dec.	1985
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	23 Jan.	1981
United Arab Emirates	2 Nov.	1981
United Kingdom	14 Sept.	1983
United States of America	17 Nov.	1981
Uruguay	13 Oct.	1983
Venezuela	29 May	1985
Yemen, Arab Republic of	10 Nov.	1983
Yemen, People's Democratic Republic of	20 June	1983
Yugoslavia	15 May	1981

* For declarations and reservations see page 7.

† For the Kingdom in Europe and Netherlands Antilles.

DECLARATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF

In a communication accompanying the instrument of acceptance, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany declared that the said amendments shall also apply to Berlin (West) with effect from the date on which they enter into force for the Federal Republic of Germany.

ITALY

The instrument of acceptance received from the Government of the Italian Republic does not include acceptance of the amendments to Article 62 of the Convention.

MOROCCO

The instrument of acceptance by the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco contains the following declaration:

(Translation)

"The Government of His Majesty the King of Morocco wishes however to recall the declaration which had been made upon acceptance of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization of 6 March 1948, which reads as follows:

'In joining the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco wishes to declare that it is not in agreement with a possible broadening of the scope of the activities of this Organization from the purely technical and nautical activities into the field of matters of an economic and commercial nature as stated in article 1 (b) and (c) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization. If such a broadening of the field of activities of the Organization were to take place, the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco reserves the right to reconsider its position concerning the ensuing situation, and might be led to invoke the provisions of Article 59 (which has become Article 73) of the Convention, regarding the withdrawal of members from the Organization.'"

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