

Article 21

The Council shall invite any Member to participate, without vote, in, its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that Member.

Article 22

(a) The Council shall receive the recommendations and reports of the Maritime Safety Committee and shall transmit them to the Assembly and, when the Assembly is not in session, to the Members for information, together, with the comments and recommendations of the Council.

(b) Matters within the scope of Article 29 shall be considered by the Council only after obtaining the views of the Maritime Safety Committee thereon.

Article 23

The Council, with the approval of the Assembly, shall appoint the Secretary-General. The Council shall also make provision for the appointment of such other personnel as may be necessary, and determine the terms and conditions of service of the Secretary-General and other personnel, which terms and conditions shall conform as far as possible with those of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

Article 24

The Council shall make a report to the Assembly at each regular session on the work of the Organization since the previous regular session of the Assembly.

Article 25

The Council shall submit to the Assembly the budget estimates and the financial statements of the Organization, together with its comments and recommendations.

Article 26

The Council may enter into agreements or arrangements covering the relationship of the Organization with other organizations, as provided for in Part XII. Such agreements or arrangements shall be subject to approval by the Assembly.

Article 27

* Between sessions of the Assembly, the Council shall perform all the functions of the Organization, except the function of making recommendations under Article 16 (i).

PART VII

Maritime Safety Committee

Article 28

The Maritime Safety Committee shall consist of sixteen Members elected by the Assembly from Members, Governments of those States having an important interest in maritime safety of which:

(a) Eight Members shall be elected from among the ten largest shipowning States;

(b) Four Members shall be elected in such manner as to ensure that, under this sub-paragraph, a State in each of the following areas is represented:

I. Africa

II. The Americas

III. Asia and Oceania

IV. Europe

(c) The remaining four Members shall be elected from among States not otherwise represented on the Committee.

For the purpose of this Article, States having an important interest in maritime safety shall include, for example, States interested in the supply of large numbers of crews or in the carriage of large numbers of berthed or unberthed passengers.

Members of the Maritime Safety Committee shall be elected for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-election.

Article 28

(a) The Maritime Safety Committee shall have the duty of considering any matter within the scope of the Organization and concerned with aids to navigation, construction and equipment of vessels, manning from a safety standpoint, rules for the prevention of collisions, handling of dangerous cargoes, maritime safety procedures and requirements, hydrographic information, log-books and navigational records, marine casualty investigation, salvage and rescue, and any other matters directly affecting maritime safety.

(b) The Maritime Safety Committee shall provide machinery for performing any duties assigned to it by the Convention, or by the Assembly, or any duty within the scope of this Article which may be assigned to it by any other inter-governmental instrument.

(c) Having regard to the provisions of Part XII, the Maritime Safety Committee shall have the duty of maintaining such close relationship with other inter-governmental bodies concerned with transport and communications as may further the object of the Organization in promoting maritime safety and facilitate the co-ordination of activities in the fields of shipping, aviation, telecommunications and meteorology with respect to safety and rescue.

Article 30

The Maritime Safety Committee, through the Council, shall:

(a) Submit to the Assembly at its regular sessions proposals made by Members for safety regulations or for amendments to existing safety regulations, together with its comments or recommendations thereon;

(b) Report to the Assembly on the work of the Maritime Safety Committee since the previous regular session of the Assembly.

Article 31

The Maritime Safety Committee shall meet once a year and at other times upon request of any five of its Members. It shall elect its officers once a year and shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure. A majority of its Members shall constitute a quorum.

Article 32

The Maritime Safety Committee shall invite any Member to participate, without vote, in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that Member.