

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

ARTICLE 17

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

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

ARTICLE 18

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 sea-borne 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.

ARTICLE 20

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.