

(f) To vote the budget and determine the financial arrangements of the Organization, in accordance with Part IX;

(g) To review the expenditures and approve the accounts of the Organization;

(h) To perform the functions of the Organization, provided that in matters relating to article 3 (a) and (b), the Assembly shall refer such matters to the Council for formulation by it of any recommendations or instruments thereon; provided further that any recommendation or instruments submitted to the Assembly by the Council and not accepted by the Assembly shall be referred back to the Council for further consideration with such observations as the Assembly may make;

(i) To recommend to members for adoption regulations concerning maritime safety, or amendments to such regulations, which have been referred to it by the Maritime Safety Committee through the Council;

(j) To refer to the Council for consideration of decision any matters within the scope of the Organization, except that the function of making recommendations under paragraph (i) of this article shall not be delegated.

## PART VI

### THE COUNCIL

#### Article 17

The Council shall consist of sixteen members and shall be composed as follows:

(a) Six shall be Governments of the nations with the largest interest in providing international shipping services;

(b) Six shall be Governments of other nations with the largest interest in international seaborne trade;

(c) Two shall be elected by the Assembly from among the Governments of nations having a substantial interest in providing international shipping services, and

(d) Two shall be elected by the Assembly from among the Governments of nations having a substantial interest in international seaborne trade.

In accordance with the principles set forth in this article the first Council shall be constituted as provided in Appendix I to the present Convention.

#### Article 18

Except as provided in Appendix I to the present Convention, the Council shall determine for the purpose of article 17 (a), the members, Governments of nations with the largest interest in providing international shipping services, and shall also determine, for the purpose of article 17 (c), the members, Governments of nations having a substantial interest in providing such services. Such determinations shall be made by a majority vote of the Council including the concurring votes of a majority of the members represented on the Council under article 17 (a) and (c). The Council shall further determine for the purpose of article 17 (b), the members, Governments of nations with the largest interest in international seaborne trade. Each Council shall make these determinations at a reasonable time before each regular session of the Assembly.

#### Article 19

Members represented on the Council in accordance with article 17 shall hold office until the end of the next regular session of the Assembly. Members shall be eligible for re-election.