

**RESOLUTION MSC.66(68)**  
**(adopted on 4 June 1997)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON  
STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING  
FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING FURTHER article XII of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention", concerning the procedures for amending the Convention,

HAVING CONSIDERED resolution 6 of the 1995 Conference of Parties to the 1978 STCW Convention and relevant provisions addressing the training of masters, officers, ratings and other personnel serving on passenger ships,

HAVING ALSO CONSIDERED, at its sixty-eighth session, amendments to regulations V/2 and V/3 of the Convention proposed and circulated in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(i) thereof,

1. **ADOPTS**, in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. **DETERMINES**, in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(vii)2 of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 1998, unless, prior to that date, more than one third of Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping of ships of 100 gross register tons or more, have notified their objections to the amendments;
3. **INVITES** Parties to the STCW Convention to note that, in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(ix) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 1999 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General, in conformity with article XII(1)(a)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex to all Parties to the Convention;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to Members of the Organization which are not Parties to the Convention.