

**Article 10**

An associate member shall have the rights and obligations of a member under the Convention except that it shall not have the right to vote in the Assembly or be eligible for membership on the Council or on the Maritime Safety Committee and subject to this the word "member" in the Convention shall be deemed to include associate member unless the context otherwise requires.

**Article 11**

No State or Territory may become or remain a member of the Organization contrary to a resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

**PART IV****ORGANS****Article 12**

The Organization shall consist of an Assembly, a Council, a Maritime Safety Committee, and such subsidiary organs as the Organization may at any time consider necessary; and a Secretariat.

**PART III****PART V****THE ASSEMBLY****Article 13**

The Assembly shall consist of all the members.

**Article 14**

Regular sessions of the Assembly shall take place once every two years. Extraordinary sessions shall be convened after a notice of sixty days whenever one-third of the members give notice to the Secretary-General that they desire a session to be arranged, or at any time if deemed necessary by the Council, after a notice of sixty days.

**Article 15**

A majority of the members other than associate members shall constitute a quorum for the meetings of the Assembly.

**Article 16**

The functions of the Assembly shall be:

- (a) To elect at each regular session from among its members, other than associate members, its President and two Vice-Presidents who shall hold office until the next regular session;
- (b) To determine its own rules of procedure except as otherwise provided in the Convention;
- (c) To establish any temporary or, upon recommendation of the Council, permanent subsidiary bodies it may consider to be necessary;
- (d) To elect the members to be represented on the Council, as provided in article 17, and on the Maritime Safety Committee as provided in article 28;
- (e) To receive and consider the reports of the Council, and to decide upon any question referred to it by the Council;