

remitted to it by members, by any organ or specialized agency of the United Nations or by any other inter-governmental organization or upon matters referred to it under article 1 (d);

(b) To provide for the drafting of conventions, agreements, or other suitable instruments, and to recommend these to Governments and to inter-governmental organizations, and to convene such conferences as may be necessary;

(c) To provide machinery for consultation among members and the exchange of information among Governments.

Article 4

In those matters which appear to the Organization capable of settlement through the normal processes of international shipping business the Organization shall so recommend. When, in the opinion of the Organization, any matter concerning unfair restrictive practices by shipping concerns is incapable of settlement through the normal processes of international shipping business, or has in fact so proved, and provided it shall first have been the subject of direct negotiations between the Members concerned, the Organization shall, at the request of one of those Members, consider the matter.

PART III

MEMBERSHIP

Article 5

Membership in the Organization shall be open to all States, subject to the provisions of Part III.

Article 6

Members of the United Nations may become members of the Organization by becoming parties to the Convention in accordance with the provisions of article 57.

Article 7

States not members of the United Nations which have been invited to send representatives to the United Nations Maritime Conference convened in Geneva on 19 February 1948, may become members by becoming parties to the Convention in accordance with the provisions of article 57.

Article 8

Any State not entitled to become a member under article 6 or 7 may apply through the Secretary-General of the Organization to become a member and shall be admitted as a member upon its becoming a party to the Convention in accordance with the provisions of article 57 provided that, upon the recommendation of the Council, its application has been approved by two-thirds of the members other than associate members.

Article 9

Any Territory or group of Territories to which the Convention has been made applicable under article 58, by the member having responsibility for its international relations or by the United Nations, may become an associate member of the Organization by notification in writing given by such member or by the United Nations, as the case may be, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.