

## ARTICLE 10

### Amendments

1 The Convention may be amended by either of the procedures specified in this article.

2 Amendments after consideration within the Organization:

.1 Any amendment proposed by a Party shall be submitted to the Secretary-General, who shall then circulate it to all Members of the Organization, to all the Parties and to the Director-General of the International Labour Office and of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations respectively, at least six months prior to its consideration.

.2 Any amendment proposed and circulated as above shall be referred to the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization for consideration.

.3 Parties whether or not Members of the Organization shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Maritime Safety Committee for the consideration and adoption of amendments.

.4 Amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Parties present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee, expanded as provided for in paragraph 2.3 (hereinafter referred to as "the expanded Maritime Safety Committee"), on condition that at least one-third of the Parties shall be present at the time of voting.

.5 Amendments adopted in accordance with paragraph 2.4 shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all the Parties.

.6 An amendment to an article shall be deemed to have been accepted on the date on which it is accepted by two thirds of the Parties.

.7 An amendment to the Annex or to an appendix to the Annex shall be deemed to have been accepted:

.7.1 at the end of two years from the date of adoption; or