

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

(1) The Convention may be amended by either of the following procedures:

- (a) amendments after consideration within the Organization:
 - (i) any amendment proposed by a Party shall be submitted to the Secretary-General, who shall then circulate it to all Members of the Organization, all Parties and the Director-General of the International Labour Office at least six months prior to its consideration;
 - (ii) any amendment so proposed and circulated shall be referred to the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization for consideration;
 - (iii) Parties, whether or not Members of the Organization, shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Maritime Safety Committee for consideration and adoption of amendments;
 - (iv) 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 sub-paragraph (a)(iii) (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;
 - (v) amendments so adopted shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all Parties for acceptance;
 - (vi) 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;
 - (vii) an amendment to the Annex shall be deemed to have been accepted:
 - 1. at the end of two years from the date on which it is communicated to Parties for acceptance; or