

*Article 20*

(a) The Council shall elect its Chairman and adopt its own rules of procedure except as otherwise provided in the Convention.

(b) Twelve members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

(c) The Council shall meet upon one month's notice as often as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties upon the summons of its Chairman or upon request by not less than four of its members. It shall meet at such places as may be convenient.

*Article 21*

The Council shall invite any member to participate, without vote, in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that member.

*Article 22*

(a) The Council shall receive the recommendations and reports of the Maritime Safety Committee and shall transmit them to the Assembly and, when the Assembly is not in session, to the members for information, together with the comments and recommendations of the Council.

(b) Matters within the scope of article 29 shall be considered by the Council only after obtaining the views of the Maritime Safety Committee thereon.

*Article 23*

The Council, with the approval of the Assembly, shall appoint the Secretary-General. The Council shall also make provision for the appointment of such other personnel as may be necessary, and determine the terms and conditions of service of the Secretary-General and other personnel, which terms and conditions shall conform as far as possible with those of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

*Article 24*

The Council shall make a report to the Assembly at each regular session on the work of the Organization since the previous regular session of the Assembly.

*Article 25*

The Council shall submit to the Assembly the budget estimates and the financial statements of the Organization, together with its comments and recommendations.

*Article 26*

The Council may enter into agreements or arrangements covering the relationship of the Organization with other organizations, as provided for in Part XII. Such agreements or arrangements shall be subject to approval by the Assembly.

*Article 27*

Between sessions of the Assembly, the Council shall perform all the functions of the Organization, except the function of making recommendations under article 16 (i).

**PART VII****MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE***Article 28*

(a) The Maritime Safety Committee shall consist of fourteen members elected by the Assembly from the members, Governments of those nations having an important interest in maritime safety, of which not less than eight