

the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 November 1947,

*Noting in addition* Resolution A.10 (I) concerning Annex XII to that Convention adopted by the Assembly on 16 January 1959,

*Having considered* the Report of the Council,

*Recommends* those members of the Assembly who have not already done so to apply to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization the provisions of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of 21 November 1947, and of Annex XII thereto.

11 April 1961

*Agenda item 12(m)*

#### **Resolution A.26 (II)**

##### ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBER STATES

##### The Islamic Republic of Mauritania

The Assembly,

*Recalling* Article 8 of the Convention which provides for the admission of States which are not members of the United Nations and which were not invited to send representatives to the United Nations Maritime Conference held in Geneva on 19 February 1948,

*Taking note* of Article 57 of the Convention relating to signature and acceptance,

*Noting further* that the Council, at the ninth meeting of its fourth session, recommended to the Assembly that the Islamic Republic of Mauritania be admitted as a Member of the Organization,

*Noting in addition* the views of Members of the Organization represented at the current session and of those Members, not present, which have expressed their views in writing,

*Recognizing* that the request for admission presented by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania has been approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 8,

*Invites* the Secretary-General to bring this Resolution to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with whom all instruments of acceptance should be lodged as provided by the terms of Article 57.

13 April 1961

*Agenda item 4*

#### **Resolution A.27 (II)**

##### ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Assembly,

*Taking note* of Article 16, paragraph (b) of the Convention regarding the functions of the Assembly,

*Having considered* the draft Rules of Procedure drawn up by the Council in accordance with the terms of Resolution A.13 (I) of 19 January 1959,

*Decides* to adopt the Rules of Procedure, the text of which is attached hereto.

## ANNEX

### RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSEMBLY

#### MEMBERSHIP

##### *Rule 1*

For the purposes of these rules the word 'member' means 'member government' and shall be deemed to include associate member unless otherwise expressly stated.

#### SESSIONS

##### *Rule 2*

The Assembly shall meet every two years in regular session and in extraordinary session whenever deemed necessary by the Council or on request made to the Secretary-General by at least one third of the members other than associate members. The Secretary-General shall inform members of the opening date of each session at least sixty days in advance.

##### *Rule 3*

Sessions of the Assembly shall be held at the headquarters of the Organization unless convened elsewhere in accordance with a decision of the Assembly or of the Council.

##### *Rule 4*

The Secretary-General with the approval of the Council may invite states having made application for membership, states which have signed but not accepted the Convention, or states which are members of the United Nations or of any specialized agency to send observers to sessions of the Assembly, and such observers upon invitation by the President and with the consent of the Assembly or its subsidiary body concerned, may participate without vote on matters of direct concern to them.

##### *Rule 5*

- (a) The Secretary-General shall invite to be represented at any session of the Assembly:
  - (i) the United Nations,
  - (ii) any specialized agency of the United Nations whose interests and those of the Organization are of common concern.
- (b) The Secretary-General shall invite to be represented by observers at any session of the Assembly:

- (i) any inter-governmental organization, other than the United Nations and its specialized agencies, with which an agreement or special arrangement has been made, and
- (ii) any non-governmental international organization with which the Organization has established appropriate relationship in accordance with Article 48 of the Convention.

*Rule 6*

- (a) Representatives of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies may participate without vote in the deliberations of the Assembly and of any of its subsidiary bodies and shall receive copies of all documents issued to the Assembly, subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safe-guarding of confidential material.
- (b) Observers from inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental international organizations may, upon invitation by the President and with the consent of the Assembly, participate without vote in the deliberations at any open meeting of the Assembly in matters of direct concern to them, provided however that the participation of observers from non-governmental international organizations shall be in accordance with the rules adopted by the Council for consultation with such organizations. Observers shall have access to non-confidential documents and to such other documents as the Secretary-General, with the approval of the President of the Assembly, may decide may be made available.

**DELEGATIONS**

*Rule 7*

Each member of the Assembly shall designate a representative, and may also designate alternates and such advisers and experts as may be required.

*Rule 8*

Upon the request of a representative, the President may allow any other member of the representative's delegation to speak on any particular point at any meeting of the Assembly.

**CREDENTIALS**

*Rule 9*

Each member shall transmit to the Secretary-General the credentials of its representative and alternates, if any, together with the names of any other members of its delegation not later than the opening day of the Assembly. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or

by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or by an appropriate authority properly designated by one of them to act for this purpose.

*Rule 10*

A credentials committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session of the Assembly. It shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President. The credentials committee shall examine the credentials of delegations and report without delay.

*Rule 11*

Any representative to whose admission a member has made objection shall be seated provisionally with the same rights as other representatives until the credentials committee has reported and the Assembly has given its decision.

**PUBLICITY**

*Rule 12*

Plenary sessions of the Assembly shall be held in public unless the Assembly decides otherwise. Meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Assembly shall be held in private unless the Assembly decides otherwise in any particular case.

**AGENDA**

*Rule 13*

The provisional agenda of each session of the Assembly shall be prepared by the Secretary-General and submitted to the Council for approval prior to issue.

*Rule 14*

The provisional agenda of each regular session of the Assembly shall include:

- (a) All items the inclusion of which has been requested by the Assembly at a previous session;
- (b) a report by the Council on the work of the Organization since the preceding regular session of the Assembly and all items the inclusion of which has been requested by the Council;
- (c) all reports and recommendations made by the Maritime Safety Committee and all items the inclusion of which has been requested by that Committee;
- (d) any item proposed by a member of the Organization;
- (e) the election of members to be represented on the Council as provided in Article 17 of the Convention and on the Maritime Safety Committee as provided in Article 28 of the Convention;

- (f) the provisional budget as well as all questions pertaining to the accounts and financial arrangements of the Organization;
- (g) subject to such preliminary consultations as may be necessary, any item proposed by the United Nations or by any of its specialized agencies.

*Rule 15*

The provisional agenda together with supporting documents for each session shall normally be communicated by the Secretary-General to the members at least two months before the opening of the session.

*Rule 16*

The first item on the provisional agenda for each session shall be the adoption of the agenda.

*Rule 17*

Any item of the agenda of a session of the Assembly, consideration of which has not been completed at that session shall be included automatically in the agenda of the next session unless otherwise decided by the Assembly.

*Rule 18*

In exceptional circumstances the Council, or the Secretary-General by authority of the Council, may include any question suitable for the agenda, which may arise between the despatch of the provisional agenda and the opening day of the session, in a supplementary provisional agenda which the Assembly shall examine together with the provisional agenda. The Secretary-General shall advise members immediately of the intention to include an item in a supplementary provisional agenda.

*Rule 19*

The Secretary-General shall report to the Assembly on the technical, administrative and financial implications of all substantive agenda items submitted to the Assembly, before they are considered by that body. Unless the Assembly decides otherwise, no such item shall be considered until the Assembly has been in possession of the Secretary-General's report for at least forty-eight hours.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

*Rule 20*

The Assembly shall at the first meeting of each regular session elect a President, a first Vice-President and a second Vice-President from among the

representatives of its members other than associate members.

*Rule 21*

At the opening of each regular session of the Assembly, the representative of the delegation from which the President of the previous regular session was elected shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President for the session.

*Rule 22*

If the President is absent from a meeting, or any part thereof or, for any reason, is unable to carry out his duties until the expiry of his term of office, one of the Vice-Presidents shall act as President.

*Rule 23*

A President or a Vice-President acting as President shall not vote but he may appoint another member of his delegation to act as the representative of his government in plenary meetings.

SUBSIDIARY BODIES

*Rule 24*

The Assembly may establish such temporary or, upon the recommendation of the Council, such permanent subsidiary bodies as it considers necessary. Such subsidiary bodies shall follow the present rules of procedure so far as they are applicable. At each regular session, the Assembly shall examine the desirability of continuing the existence of any subsidiary body.

SECRETARIAT

*Rule 25*

The Secretary-General shall act as Secretary of the Assembly and of its subsidiary bodies and shall be responsible for making the necessary arrangements for their meetings. He may delegate his functions to a member of the Secretariat.

*Rule 26*

The Secretary-General or a member of the Secretariat designated by him for the purpose may make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

*Rule 27*

The Secretariat shall prepare summary records of the meetings. These summary records shall be distributed to the participants as soon as possible after the closing of the meeting to which they relate. The participants shall inform the Secretariat in writing of any correction to their own statements that they wish to have made; such corrections should normally be made within three working days

but where this is not practicable, within such period of time as shall be indicated by the Secretary-General.

*Rule 28*

It shall be the duty of the Secretariat to receive, translate and circulate to members all reports, resolutions, recommendations and other documents of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies.

LANGUAGES

*Rule 29*

The official languages of the Organization are English, French, Russian and Spanish; the working languages are English and French.

*Rule 30*

Speeches at the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies shall be made in one of the official languages and will be interpreted into the other three languages.

*Rule 31*

All supporting documents to agenda items of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies and summary records shall be issued in the working languages.

All reports, resolutions, recommendations and decisions of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies shall be drawn up in one of the official languages and translated into the other three official languages.

VOTING

*Rule 32*

Subject to the relevant provisions of Articles 8, 44, 49 and 52 of the Convention, decisions of the Assembly and of its subsidiary bodies shall be made, elections, including those subject to the provisions of Articles 17 and 28 of the Convention, determined, and reports, resolutions and recommendations adopted by a majority of the members other than associate members present and voting.

*Rule 33*

Each member, other than associate members, shall have one vote. For the purpose of these rules the phrase 'members present and voting' means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members abstaining from voting or casting an invalid vote shall be considered as not voting.

*Rule 34*

The Assembly shall normally vote by show of hands. However, any member may request a roll-call which shall be taken in the alphabetical order of the names of the members in English, beginning with the member whose name is drawn by lot by the President.

*Rule 35*

The vote of each member participating in any roll-call shall be inserted in the summary record of the meeting concerned.

*Rule 36*

If a vote is equally divided, a second vote shall be taken at the next meeting. If this vote also is equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.

*Rule 37*

All elections shall be decided by secret ballot.

*Rule 38*

In a secret ballot two scrutineers shall, on the proposal of the President, be appointed by the Assembly from the delegations present and shall proceed to scrutinize the votes cast. All invalid votes cast shall be reported to the Assembly.

*Rule 39*

If one person or member only is to be elected and no candidate obtains a majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken confined normally to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided the election shall be deferred until the ensuing meeting, when if another tie results, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

*Rule 40*

When two or more places are to be filled by election at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining a majority in the first ballot shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates obtaining a majority is less than the number of persons or members to be elected, there shall be an additional ballot or ballots, as necessary, to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot and the number of candidates being normally not more than twice as many as the places remaining to be filled.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

*Rule 41*

A majority of the members, other than associate members shall constitute a quorum for the meetings of the Assembly and of its subsidiary bodies.

*Rule 42*

In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President

shall declare the opening and the closing of the session of the Assembly. He shall direct the discussion and ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions resulting from the voting.

#### *Rule 43*

Proposals and amendments shall normally be introduced in writing and handed to the Secretary-General who shall circulate copies to delegations. As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the Assembly unless copies of it have been circulated to delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments or of motions as to procedure even though these amendments and motions have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

#### *Rule 44*

The Assembly may on the proposal of the President limit the time to be allowed to each speaker on any particular subject under discussion.

#### *Rule 45*

During the discussions of any matter a representative of a member other than an associate member may rise to a point of order and the point of order shall be decided immediately by the President, in accordance with these rules of procedure. A representative of a member may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be put to the vote immediately and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting.

A representative rising to a point of order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

#### *Rule 46*

Subject to the provisions of Rule 45 the following motions shall have precedence, in the order indicated below, over all other proposals or motions before the meeting:

- (a) to suspend a meeting,
- (b) to adjourn a meeting,
- (c) to adjourn the debate on the question under discussion, and
- (d) for the closure of the debate on the question under discussion.

Permission to speak on a motion falling within (a) to (d) above shall be granted only to the proposer and in addition to one speaker in favour of and two against the motion, after which it shall be put immediately to the vote.

#### *Rule 47*

If two or more proposals relate to the same question, the Assembly, unless it decides otherwise, shall vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been submitted.

#### *Rule 48*

Parts of a proposal or amendment thereto shall be voted on separately if the President, with the consent of the proposer, so decides, or if any representative of a member requests that the proposal or amendment thereto be divided and the proposer raises no objection. If objection is raised, permission to speak on the point shall be given first to the mover of the motion to divide the proposal or amendment, and then to the mover of the original proposal or amendment under discussion, after which the motion to divide the proposal or amendment shall be put immediately to the vote.

#### *Rule 49*

Those parts of a proposal which have been approved shall then be put to the vote as a whole; if all the operative parts of the proposal or amendment have been rejected, the proposal or amendment shall be considered to be rejected as a whole.

#### *Rule 50*

A motion is considered to be an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. An amendment shall be voted on before the proposal to which it relates is put to the vote, and if the amendment is adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted on.

#### *Rule 51*

If two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Assembly shall first vote on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all amendments have been put to the vote. The President shall determine the order of voting on the amendments under this rule.

#### *Rule 52*

A motion may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before voting on it has begun, provided that the motion has not been amended or that an amendment to it is not under discussion. A motion withdrawn may be re-introduced by any member having the right to submit such a motion.

#### *Rule 53*

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered at the same session of

the Assembly unless the Assembly, by a majority of the members present and voting, decides in favour of reconsideration. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to the mover and one other supporter and to two speakers opposing the motion, after which it shall be put immediately to the vote.

*Rule 54*

For the approval of the appointment of the Secretary-General, the Assembly shall vote by secret ballot in private meeting.

AMENDMENTS OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

*Rule 55*

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Assembly taken by a majority of the members present and voting.

OVERRIDING AUTHORITY OF THE CONVENTION

*Rule 56*

In the event of any conflict between any provision of these rules and any provision of the Convention, the Convention shall prevail.

13 April 1961  
*Agenda item 3*

**Resolution A.28 (II)**

PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS  
EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Assembly,

*Taking note* of Article 16 of the Convention concerning the functions of the Assembly,

*Noting further* Article 27 of the Convention concerning performance by the Council of all functions of the Assembly between sessions of that body,

*Recalling* its Resolution A.7 B (I) which recognized the desirability of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization being kept informed of those technical assistance activities in the maritime field which the United Nations may undertake under its 'United Nations Programmes of Technical Co-operation',

*Notes* with satisfaction that the arrangement agreed to between the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board has worked satisfactorily,

*Requests* the Secretary-General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization

- (i) to inform the appropriate authorities of the United Nations that the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization is now in a position to provide, within the scope of Article 1 of the Convention, advice and guidance to those authorities on technical matters affecting shipping engaged in international trade, and
- (ii) to request such authorities to arrange that all appropriate applications on which the advice of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization would be useful should be referred to the Organization at as early a stage as possible in their consideration.

13 April 1961

*Agenda item 12(a)*

**Resolution A.29 (II)**

FACILITATION OF TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

The Assembly,

*Recalling* Article 16 of the Convention regarding the functions of the Assembly,

*Taking note* of Article IV of the Agreement on Relationship between the United Nations and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,

*Noting further* the provisions of Article 27 of the Convention whereby the Council performs all the functions of the Organization between sessions of the Assembly,

*Noting in addition* Resolution 724 B (XXVIII) adopted on 17 July 1959 by the Economic and Social Council on the facilitation of international travel and transport,

*Having examined* the Report of the Council on this subject,

*Moreover, recognizing* the necessity, stressed by the Council, of simplifying and reducing the number of documents required of ships entering or leaving port,

*Recognizing in addition* that the Organization should not neglect the problem of the transport of goods, which is of even greater importance to the merchant fleets of the world than the carriage of passengers,

*Noting* that this aspect is not covered by the Resolution of the Economic and Social Council,

*Considering* that the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization's action should be confined to the regulations of governments or public authorities in regard to ships entering and leaving port, or to those documents, varying both in number and character, which are consequently required to be presented at various ports,