

Resolution A.735(18)

*Adopted on 4 November 1993
(Agenda item 10)*

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION ON THE
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING that at its seventeenth regular session several delegations expressed concern about the outcome of the elections to the Council for the 1992-1993 biennium,

NOTING that the Council at its sixty-eighth session established an *Ad Hoc* Working Group, open to all Members of the Organization, to consider possible amendments to the provisions for elections to the Council,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that the needed revisions in the IMO Convention have all been initiated within the Organization and have been considered in a spirit of goodwill and mutual accommodation and adopted with the general agreement of Members,

HAVING CONSIDERED the amendments to the IMO Convention recommended by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Elections to the Council and approved by the Council at its sixty-ninth session,

1. ADOPTS amendments to Articles 16, 17 and 19 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, the texts of which are contained in the annex to this resolution;
2. REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the Organization to deposit the adopted amendments with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with Article 67 of the IMO Convention and to receive instruments of acceptance and declarations as provided for in Article 68; and
3. INVITES the Members of the Organization to accept these amendments at the earliest possible date after receiving copies thereof by communicating the appropriate instrument of acceptance to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 68 of the Convention.

Annex

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PART VI

The Council

Article 16

Replace text of Article 16 by:

The Council shall be composed of forty Members elected by the Assembly.

Article 17

Replace text of Article 17 by:

In electing the Members of the Council, the Assembly shall observe the following criteria:

- (a) Ten shall be States with the largest interest in providing international shipping services;
- (b) Ten shall be other States with the largest interest in international seaborne trade;
- (c) Twenty shall be States not elected under (a) or (b) above which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation, and whose election to the Council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world.

Article 19(b)

Replace text of Article 19(b) by:

- (b) Twenty-six Members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.