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| Reference | IMO Assembly                      |

**IMO Expansion and the New Member States**

The IMO Council will be expanded to 52 Member States.

The IMO Assembly has adopted amendments to the IMO Convention to expand the size of the Council.

It was also extended the term of its Members and recognize three additional language texts as authentic versions of the IMO Convention.

Until the amendments enter into force, the current structure will remain unchanged.

Until entry into force of these proposed Council reforms by the Assembly, the IMO Council will increase by 12 Member States, from its current 40 Members to 52. Expanding the size of the IMO Council would see 12 seats allocated to Categories (a) and (b) each and 28 seats to Category (c).

The categories are:

- (a) States with the largest interest in providing international shipping services
- (b) States with the largest interest in international seaborne trade each
- (c) 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.

Under the amendments, Council Members would remain in their roles until the end of the next two consecutive regular sessions of the Assembly, after which they would be eligible for re-election.

Since Assemblies are usually held every two years, this would generally mean that Members would

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serve a four-year term.

In the spirit of multilingualism embraced by the United Nations system, the IMO Assembly adopted an amendment to the IMO Convention, such that Arabic, Chinese and Russian, (which are already official languages of the Organization), will be added as authentic texts of the IMO Convention, supplementing the current authentic texts in English, French and Spanish.

The IMO Council is elected by the Assembly. The Council is the Executive Organ of IMO and is responsible, under the Assembly, for supervising the work of the Organization. Between sessions of the Assembly, the Council performs all the functions of the Assembly, except the prevention of making recommendations to Governments on maritime safety and pollution prevention which is reserved for the Assembly by Article 15(j) of the Convention.

Other functions of the Council are to:

- coordinate the activities of the organs of the Organization;
- consider the draft work programme and budget estimates of the Organization and submit them to the Assembly;
- receive reports and proposals of the Committees and other organs and submit them to the Assembly and Member States, with comments and recommendations as appropriate;
- appoint the Secretary-General, subject to the approval of the Assembly;
- enter into agreements or arrangements concerning the relationship of the Organization with other organizations, subject to approval by the Assembly.

#### REFERENCES:

- IMO Assembly.

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