



CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
STANDARDS OF TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING
FOR SEAFARERS, 1978

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Agenda items 1, 2, 3 and 4

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

First meeting

Monday, 21 June 2010, p.m.

Opening of the session

1 The session was opened by the Secretary-General, who invited Rear Admiral Peter Brady (Jamaica), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, to the Chair.

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda

2 The Committee adopted the agenda as set out in document STCW/CONF.2/CW/1.

Agenda item 2: Election of the Vice-Chairmen

3 The Committee unanimously elected Mr. Sibrand Hassing (Netherlands) as its first Vice-Chairman and Mr. Heping Zheng (China) as its second Vice-Chairman.

Organization of work

4 The Committee agreed to the work schedule set out in the annex to document STCW/CONF.2/7 and that groups could be established to discuss, in English only, specific issues to facilitate the progress of the work, if necessary.

5 The Committee agreed to use as a basic text for its deliberations the text of the draft amendments to the STCW Convention and Code, as contained in documents STCW/CONF.2/3, STCW/CONF.2/4 and STCW/CONF.2/5, and that the provisions in the basic text which had no square brackets and in respect of which no submissions had been made should be referred to the Drafting Committee for consideration and finalization.

6 The Committee agreed to deal with amendments to the STCW Convention and corresponding amendments to the Code concurrently.

7 The Committee agreed to consider the amendments in the following order:

- .1 Chapter IV;
- .2 Chapter VII;
- .3 Chapter V;
- .4 Chapter VI;
- .5 Chapter II;
- .6 Chapter III;
- .7 Chapter I; and
- .8 Chapter VIII.

8 The Committee also agreed to consider the draft Conference resolutions, as set out in documents STCW/CONF.2/6, STCW/CONF.2/8, STCW/CONF.2/12 and STCW/CONF.2/17, after consideration of amendments to the STCW Convention and Code.

Agenda item 3: Consideration of the draft amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978

Agenda item 4: Consideration of the draft amendments to:

- .1 **part A of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code; and**
- .2 **part B of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code.**

Chapters IV, VI and VII

9 The Committee approved the draft texts of amendments to chapters IV, VI and VII of the STCW Convention and Code, as set out in the basic text and referred them to the Drafting Committee for finalization.

Chapter V

10 The Committee agreed to the amendments to new section B-V/e proposed by Norway (STCW/CONF.2/27) and approved the amended texts of chapter V of the STCW Convention and Code and referred them to the Drafting Committee for finalization. The Committee authorized the Drafting Committee to make necessary editorial improvements with regard to the experience with sufficient number of Rig-moves.

Chapter II

11 The Committee approved the draft texts of amendments to chapter II of the STCW Convention and Code, as set out in the basic text and referred them to the Drafting Committee for finalization, taking into account relevant decisions to be taken under chapter III relating to minimum age for certification for “rating forming a part of a watch in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room”.

Chapter III

Electro-technical officers

12 The Committee agreed that there was no need, at this stage, for guidance relating to senior electro-technical officers in part B of the STCW Code as proposed by China (STCW/CONF.2/15). In this context, the Committee agreed to invite the Maritime Safety Committee to consider this proposal with a view to establishing a new work programme item for the STW Sub-Committee.

13 The Committee could not accept the proposal by the Islamic Republic of Iran (STCW/CONF.2/9) relating to amendments to regulation III/6 and sections A-III/6 and B-III/6. However, the Committee agreed to take into account the elements of the proposed new paragraph 2.4 in regulation III/6 in the drafting exercise by the Drafting Committee for finalization of regulation III/6.

14 The Committee agreed to amended table A-III/6 proposed by Germany *et al.* (STCW/CONF.2/18) and referred it to the Drafting Committee for finalization.

Regulation III/4

15 Having extensively discussed the issue of night working hours of young seafarers, the Committee agreed not to increase the minimum age for certification for “rating forming a part of a watch in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room” from 16 years to 18 years as proposed by Switzerland and ILO (STCW/CONF.2/16) and agreed to maintain the text in the basic text without modifications.

16 Having noted the decision of the Committee referred to in paragraph 15 above, the delegation of Norway advised the Committee that there was no need to further consider their proposal as set out in document (STCW/CONF.2/26).

Sections A-III/1 and B-III/1

17 The Committee considered the proposal from the Islamic Republic of Iran (STCW/CONF.2/10) relating to amendments to sections A-III/1 and B-III/1 and agreed to the proposed amendments to paragraph 2 of section A-III/1 and referred them to the Drafting Committee for finalization. However, the Committee could not agree to the proposed amendments to section B-III/1.

Chapter I***Regulation I/2***

18 The Committee agreed to replace the term “database” by “means” and to replace reference to paragraph “14” with “15” in paragraph 16 of regulation I/2.
