



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

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RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE PLENARY

First meeting

Monday, 21 June 2010

Opening of the Conference

1 The Conference was formally opened on Monday, 21 June 2010 at 11.00 a.m. by the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (Mr. E.E. Mitropoulos).

2 The Secretary-General made a statement, the text of which is reproduced in document STCW/CONF.2/INF.4.

3 A message from Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, for the World Maritime Day “2010: Year of the Seafarer”, the text of which is reproduced in document STCW/CONF.2/INF.5, was conveyed to the Conference.

4 Hon. Anneli R. Lontoc, Acting Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communications, Republic of the Philippines introduced H. E. Noli De Castro, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines.

5 H.E. Noli De Castro, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines made a statement, the text of which is reproduced in document STCW/CONF.2/INF.6.

Election of the President

6 The Conference unanimously elected, by acclamation, Mr. Neil Frank R. Ferrer (the Philippines), as President of the Conference.

7 The President made a statement to the Conference, the text of which is reproduced in document STCW/CONF.2/INF.7.

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda

8 The Conference adopted the agenda, as reproduced in document STCW/CONF.2/1/1.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

9 The Conference adopted the Rules of Procedure, as contained in document STCW/CONF.2/2/1; and agreed that documents, which might be submitted for consideration after the closure of its first plenary session, should be directed to the Committee of the Whole for appropriate action.

Agenda item 3: Election of the Vice-Presidents and other officers of the Conference

10 The Conference unanimously elected, by acclamation, five Vice-Presidents as follows (in alphabetical order of their countries):

- 1 H.E. Mr. Dwight C.R. Gardiner (Antigua and Barbuda)
- 2 Mr. Koffi Bertin Tano (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 3 Mr. Rajeev Gupta (India)
- 4 Admiral Giancarlo Olimbo (Italy)
- 5 Mr. Abdel Hafiz Kayssi (Lebanon)

11 The Conference also unanimously elected, by acclamation, Adm. Peter Brady (Jamaica), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and Ms. Mayte Medina (United States), Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

Agenda item 4: Appointment of the Credentials Committee

12 On the proposal of the President, the Conference decided that the Credentials Committee would be composed of representatives of the delegations of:

Georgia	Panama
Ireland	Thailand
Nigeria	

Agenda item 5: Organization of the work of the Conference, including the establishment of other committees, as necessary

13 The Conference approved the organization of work, as proposed in document STCW/CONF.2/7. The Conference also approved the work programme and meeting schedule suggested in the annex to that document, on the understanding that the work programme was to be considered as a flexible arrangement which was subject to modification, as necessary, in the light of developments in the work of the Conference and its committees.

14 On the proposal of the President, the Conference decided that the Drafting Committee would, in addition to its Chairman, be composed of the representatives of the delegations of:

Argentina	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Australia	Russian Federation
China	Senegal
France	Spain

15 The Conference referred to the Committee of the Whole the consideration of **draft amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code, and associated draft Conference resolutions**, as set out in documents STCW/CONF.2/3, STCW/CONF.2/4, STCW/CONF.2/5 and STCW/CONF.2/6, respectively, and referred all documents submitted under agenda items 6, 7 and 8 to the Committee of the Whole for detailed consideration, requesting it to report to the Plenary on Friday, 25 June 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

16 The Conference adjourned until Friday, 25 June 2010 at 9.30 a.m.
