

- (c) The non-governmental organization shall undertake to support the Organization's activities and to promote the dissemination of its principles and work in accordance with the objectives and functions of the Organization on the one hand and the nature and scope of its own competence and activities on the other;
- (d) The non-governmental organization shall be of recognized standing; it shall have a permanent headquarters, an executive officer and a governing body; it shall be authorized to speak for its members through accredited representatives;
- (e) Decisions concerning the establishment of consultative relations shall be based on the principle that the purpose of such relations shall be, firstly, to enable the Organization to obtain information or expert advice from organizations with particular knowledge in the field and, secondly, to enable organizations representing important groups whose activities have a bearing on the work of the Organization to express their points of view. The relations shall not be such as to place an undue burden on the Organization.

2. *Recommends* that the Council should prepare and submit to the Assembly rules governing the granting of consultative status with a view to giving non-governmental organizations certain privileges such as:

- (a) Access to public meetings for accredited observers of non-governmental organizations;
- (b) The prompt distribution of those documents of the Organization which, in the Organization's opinion, are of interest to the non-governmental organization;
- (c) The circulation of written statements by the non-governmental organization which are considered by the competent authority in the Organization to have a bearing on some aspect of the Organization's work, provided that such statements are written in one of the official languages and do not exceed 2000 words;
- (d) Any accredited representative of a non-governmental organization shall be authorized, on written request received not more than forty-eight hours after the adoption of the agenda and following consultation, to make a brief statement before the appropriate organ of the Organization;
- (e) The Organization shall appoint a liaison officer whom the non-governmental organi-

zations may consult and to whom they may apply when they wish to get in touch with members of the Secretariat to discuss a point of common interest.

16 January 1959
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Resolution A.12 (I)

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Assembly,
Considering that differences of opinion have arisen as to the interpretation of article 28(a) of the Convention for the establishment of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization;
Considering that the Convention provides in article 56 that questions of law may be referred to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion;

Resolves to submit to the International Court of Justice, in accordance with article 65 paragraph 2 of its Statute, a request for an advisory opinion on the following question of law:

Is the Maritime Safety Committee of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, which was elected on 15 January 1959, constituted in accordance with the Convention for the establishment of the Organization?

Instructs the Secretary-General to place at the disposal of the Court the relevant records of the First Assembly of the Organization and its Committees; and in accordance with article IX of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to inform the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations of the present resolution.

19 January 1959
Agenda item 11

Resolution A.13 (I)

ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly,
Having received the draft permanent rules of procedure too late for consideration by Member governments,

Recognizing that it is important that the permanent rules be carefully considered,

Decides to transmit these draft rules to Member governments for their comments, with the request that they be submitted to the Secretary-General by December 1959,

Requests the Council in the light of the comments