

Resolution on the transitional measures relating to the entry into force of the amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, concerning financial security requirements in respect of abandonment of seafarers and for shipowners' liability

The Special Tripartite Committee established by the Governing Body under Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006,

Having met in Geneva from 7 to 11 April 2014,

Having considered and adopted amendments to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006,

Recognizing that these amendments are to be submitted to the International Labour Conference for approval in accordance with Article XV of the Convention,

Noting that the amendments establish measures to ensure the provision of an expeditious and effective financial security system to assist seafarers in the event of their abandonment and that financial security is provided for seafarers' claims for compensation in the event of death or long-term disability due to an occupational injury, illness or hazard,

Noting also that the amendments will require important additions to the existing documents provided for under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, particularly Parts I and II of the declaration of maritime labour compliance,

Stressing that the amendments are not intended to affect the validity of Maritime Labour Certificates or declarations of maritime labour compliance already issued at the time when the amendments enter into force;

1. Requests Members to recognize the need for a transitional period to issue or renew Maritime Labour Certificates and the related declarations of maritime labour compliance in accordance with the requirements of the Convention as amended;

2. Further requests Members to acknowledge that entry into force of the amendments should not in any way serve to invalidate the Maritime Labour Certificates or declarations of maritime labour compliance that have been duly issued previously in accordance with the Convention and which are still in effect;

3. Urges Members to ensure that the Maritime Labour Certificates and the declarations of maritime labour compliance are issued or renewed so as to comply with the requirements of the Convention as amended, on ships that fly their flag, no later than the date of the first renewal inspection following entry into force of the amendments;

4. Draws the attention of Members to the fact that the above transitional measures relate only to the Maritime Labour Certificates and the declarations of maritime labour compliance and are not in any way intended to affect the rights and obligations of Members, seafarers or shipowners, including the obligation to ensure that all ships are covered by financial security in accordance with the Convention as amended, from the date when the amendments enter into force;

5. Requests Members, including in the exercise of port State control, to recognize Maritime Labour Certificates and declarations of maritime labour compliance, while they are still valid in accordance with the Convention, until the first renewal inspection following entry into force of the amendments.