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Reports of the General Affairs Committee

Monday, 6 June 2022, 10.15 a.m.

President: Mr Moroni

Submission and noting of the first report of the General Affairs Committee, and announcement of the results of the record vote on the approval of the amendments to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended

The President
(Original Spanish)

We shall now turn our attention to the first report of the General Affairs Committee concerning the approval of the amendments to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006). The report is contained in *Record of Proceedings No. 1A*.

Without further ado, I give the floor to Mr Kuje, Reporter of the General Affairs Committee.

Mr Kuje
Reporter of the General Affairs Committee

I have the honour to submit to the Conference the first report of the General Affairs Committee. This report, which has been published in *Record of Proceedings No. 1A*, concerns the approval by the Conference of eight amendments to the Code of the MLC, 2006, as amended. The text of the amendments is appended to the report.

It is the fourth time that the Conference has been called upon to approve amendments to the Code since its adoption in 2006. Similar amendment exercises have been undertaken in 2014, 2016 and 2018, and those amendments have all since entered into force.

The amendments submitted at the current session of the Conference for approval were adopted by the Special Tripartite Committee established under Article XIII of the MLC, 2006, at its last meeting, held in May 2022. They address various aspects of the employment and social

rights of seafarers, drawing lessons from the difficulties experienced by seafarers and the maritime industry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The amendments relate to, among other subjects: the prompt repatriation of abandoned seafarers and their replacement by skeleton crews, if necessary; the prompt disembarkation of seafarers in need of immediate medical care and access to medical facilities ashore; internet access and social connectivity on board ship and in ports or anchorages for a reasonable fee, if any; annual reporting of fatalities to the ILO Director-General to be published in a global register, including information on the classification of death, ship type, location of the fatality and the seafarer's sex, age and occupational position; the provision of all necessary appropriately-sized personal protective equipment on board ship; and finally, the provision of drinking water free of charge and the provision of balanced meals.

The General Affairs Committee took due note of the work accomplished by the Special Tripartite Committee – which represents the largest number of amendments ever considered and adopted in one meeting – and recommended their approval by the Conference through a record vote which is scheduled to be conducted this afternoon.

By approving these amendments, the International Labour Conference will show that the Organization can respond to the needs and challenges of the maritime industry, and can effectively protect seafarers as key workers, thus ensuring that the landmark MLC, 2006, remains up-to-date and keeps all its promises as the seafarers' bill of rights.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Committee and to the members of the Secretariat for the efficiency with which these amendments have been dealt with by our Committee.

With that, I submit the first report of the General Affairs Committee to the 110th Session of the International Labour Conference.

The President (Original Spanish)

As stated by its Reporter, Mr Kuje, the General Affairs Committee has made a recommendation to the Conference concerning agenda item VIII, on which the Conference must take a decision.

May I take it that the Conference agrees to submit, with a view to their approval, the eight amendments to the Code of the MLC 2006, as amended, contained in the appendix to the first report of the General Affairs Committee, to a record vote to be held today, on 6 June 2022?

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference approves the proposal?

(The proposal is approved.)

To conclude, may I consider that the Conference takes note of the first report of the General Affairs Committee?

(The Conference takes note of the report.)

(The Conference continues its work in plenary.)

Monday 6 June 2022, 5.30 p.m.

President: Mr Moroni

Announcement of the results of the record vote

The President

(Original Spanish)

I will begin by announcing the results of the record vote on the approval of the eight amendments to the Code of the MLC, 2006. The quorum was set at 317 votes.

Amendment on recruitment and placement – systems of protection (Regulation 1.4 of the MLC, 2006)

The result of the record vote is as follows: 339 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 6 abstentions.

Amendment on the repatriation of seafarers (Regulation 2.5 of the MLC, 2006)

The result of the record vote is as follows: 335 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 11 abstentions.

Amendments on communications (Regulations 3.1 and 4.4 of the MLC, 2006)

The result of the record vote is as follows: 336 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 11 abstentions.

Amendments on food and drinking water (Regulation 3.2 of the MLC, 2006)

The result of the record vote is as follows: 340 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 7 abstentions.

Amendments on medical care ashore (Regulation 4.1 of the MLC, 2006)

The result of the record vote is as follows: 334 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 13 abstentions.

Amendment on personal protective equipment (Regulation 4.3 of the MLC, 2006)

The result of the record vote is as follows: 343 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 4 abstentions.

Amendments on reporting deaths at sea (Regulation 4.3 of the MLC, 2006)

The result of the record vote is as follows: 342 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 5 abstentions.

Amendments on financial security – registered owner (Appendices A2-I and A4-I of the MLC, 2006)

The result of the record vote is as follows: 337 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 10 abstentions.

(The amendments are approved.)

(The detailed results of the vote are included at the end of the record of proceedings of this sitting and on the Conference website.)

(The sitting adjourned at 5.45 p.m.)