

ILO Resolution concerning the promotion of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006

Resolution XVII

Resolution concerning the practical implementation of the issue of certificates on entry into force

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,
Having adopted the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006,

Recalling Article VIII, paragraph 3, concerning the entry into force 12 months after the date on which the required number of ratifications have been registered,

Noting that flag States and recognized organizations would not be in a position to recruit, train and have in place a sufficient number of inspectors until there is a good degree of confidence as to the probable date of entry into force,

Noting that even when a sufficient number of inspectors is in place to ensure a continuing level of inspection and enforcement, it will not be possible to review, inspect and certify all the ships (possibly 40,000 ships) required to carry a maritime labour certificate and declaration of maritime labour compliance within the 12 months before entry into force,

Noting also that should this certification effort be accomplished notwithstanding, these inspectors will be largely idle until the next peak of inspections two years after entry into force,

Recognizing the practical difficulties in providing a maritime labour certificate and a declaration of maritime labour compliance to all ships immediately following entry into force;

Requests governments to develop plans, which will ensure the phasing in of certification requirements starting with bulk carriers and passenger ships no later than 12 months after the date on which there have been registered ratifications by at least 30 Members with a total share in the world gross tonnage of ships of at least 33 per cent,

Requests further that, during a period of one year following the initial entry into force of the Convention, Members (both flag and port States) give due consideration to allowing ships to continue to operate without the certificate and declaration referred to, provided that their inspectors have no evidence that the ships do not conform to the requirements of the Convention.