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PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF A CONVENTION ON MARITIME LIENS AND MORTGAGES

<u>Draft articles for a convention on maritime liens and mortgages,</u> referred by the Main Committee to the Drafting Committee

Addendum

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Article 6

Other maritime liens

Each State Party may under its law grant other maritime liens on a vessel to secure claims, other than those referred to in article 4, against the owner, demise charterer, manager or operator of the vessel, provided that such liens:

- (a) shall be subject to the same rules in respect of articles 7, 9 and 11;
- (b) shall be extinguished
 - (i) after a period of 6 months, from the time when the claims secured thereby arose unless, prior to the expiry of such period, the vessel has been arrested or seized, such arrest or seizure leading to a forced sale, in which case the provisions of article 11 shall apply, or
 - (ii) at the end of a period of 60 days following a bonafide sale of the vessel, such period to commence on the date on which the sale is registered in accordance with the law of the state in which the vessel is registered following the sale,

whichever period is the earlier.

(c) shall rank after the maritime liens set out in article 4 and also after registered mortgages, "hypothèques" or charges which comply with the provisions of article 1.

DRAFT FINAL PROVISIONS

Article A

Depositary

1. This Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article B

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

- 1. This Convention shall be open for signature by any State at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York from 1 September 1993 to 31 August 1994 and shall thereafter remain open for accession.
- 2. States may express their consent to be bound by this Convention by:
 - (a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or
 - (b) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or
 - (c) accession.
- 3. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the depositary.

Article C

Entry into force

1. This Convention shall enter into force 6 months following the date on which [5] [10] [15] States have expressed their consent to be bound by it.

2. For a State which expresses its consent to be bound by this Convention after the conditions for entry into force thereof have been met, such consent shall take effect 3 months after the date of expression of such consent.

Article D

Revision and amendment

- 1. A conference of States Parties for the purpose of revising or amending this Convention shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the request of one-third of the States Parties.
- 2. Any consent to be bound by this Convention, expressed after the date of entry into force of an amendment to this Convention, shall be deemed to apply to the Convention, as amended.

Article E

Denunciation

- 1. This Convention may be denounced by any State Party at any time after the date on which this Convention enters into force for that State.
- 2. Denunciation shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of denunciation with the depositary.
- 3. A denunciation shall take effect one year, or such longer period as may be specified in the instrument of denunciation, after the receipt of the instrument of denunciation by the depositary.

Article F

Languages

This Convention is established in a single original in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose have signed this Convention.