



## **Second report of the Steering Committee**

1. At its first meeting held on 14 September 2004 at 1 p.m. in the Assembly Hall at the Palais des Nations, the Steering Committee adopted its first report, which is contained in the *Record of Proceedings* No. 2A.
2. During the discussion under the first-stage category (section A) on the procedure for proposing amendments to the recommended draft (Part V), the members of the Committee raised two questions on the procedures to be applied in the following cases:
  - (a) when the recommended draft contains alternative provisions and the Committee needs to adopt one as a basis for discussion (paragraph 18(a)(i));
  - (b) when substantial agreement is reached on the content of a provision within a Committee and it is decided to request the Drafting Committee to propose a text reflecting the views of the majority of the Committee members (paragraph 18(a)(v)).
3. As regards the procedure a Committee should adopt to reach a decision on the alternative to take (paragraph 18(a)(i)), the members of the Steering Committee agreed that a vote by show of hands or a record vote would be taken in accordance with article 9.5 of the Standing Orders of the Preparatory Technical Maritime Conference.
4. When there is widespread agreement within a Committee on the substance of a provision and the Drafting Committee is consulted (paragraph 18(a)(v)), it was decided that the views of the minority of members expressing a different opinion would not be taken into account by the Drafting Committee unless this minority included, in the case of the Government group, at least five members of the Committee.