Article 3

Article III of the Convention is amended to read as follows:

"The Member States of the Organization are the States Parties to this Convention."

Article 4

Article IV of the Convention is amended to read as follows:

"The Organization shall comprise:

(a) The Assembly;
(b) The Council;
(c) The Finance Committee;
(d) The Secretariat; and
(e) Any subsidiary organs."

Article 5

Article V of the Convention is amended to read as follows:

(a) "The Assembly is the principal organ and shall have all the powers of the Organization unless otherwise regulated by the Convention or delegated by the Assembly to other organs.

(b) The Assembly shall be composed of all Member States.

(c) The Assembly shall meet in ordinary session every three years. Extraordinary sessions of the Assembly may be held at the request of a Member State or of the Council or of the Secretary-General, subject to the approval of the majority of the Member States.

(d) A majority of the Member States shall constitute a quorum for the meetings of the Assembly.

(e) The functions of the Assembly shall be to:

(i) Elect its Chair and Vice-Chair;
(ii) Determine its own rules of procedure and those of the Council, the Finance Committee and any subsidiary organ of the Organization;
(iii) In accordance with the General Regulations, elect the Secretary-General and the Directors and determine the terms and conditions of their service;
(iv) Establish subsidiary organs;
(v) Decide the overall policy, strategy and work programme of the Organization;
(vi) Consider reports put to it by the Council;
(vii) Consider the observations and recommendations put to it by any Member State, the Council or the Secretary-General;
(viii) Decide on any proposals put to it by any Member State, the Council or the Secretary-General;
(ix) Review the expenditures, approve the accounts and determine the financial arrangements of the Organization;
(x) Approve the three-year budget of the Organization;
(xi) Decide on operational services;
(xii) Decide on any other matters within the scope of the Organization; and
(xiii) Delegate, where appropriate and necessary, responsibilities to the Council."

Article 6

Article VI of the Convention is amended to read as follows:

(a) "One-fourth of, but not less than thirty, Member States shall take seats in the Council, the first two-thirds of whom shall take their seats on a regional basis and the remaining one-third on the basis of hydrographic interests, which shall be defined in the General Regulations.

(b) The principles for the composition of the Council shall be laid down in the General Regulations.

(c) Members of the Council shall hold office until the end of the next ordinary session of the Assembly.

(d) Two-thirds of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

(e) The Council shall meet at least once a year.

(f) Member States not being members of the Council may participate in Council meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

(g) The functions of the Council shall be to:

(i) Elect its Chair and Vice-Chair, each of whom shall hold office until the end of the next ordinary session of the Assembly;
(ii) Exercise such responsibilities as may be delegated to it by the Assembly;
(iii) Co-ordinate, during the inter-Assembly period, the activities of the Organization within the framework of the strategy, work programme and financial arrangements, as decided by the Assembly;
(iv) Report to the Assembly at each ordinary session on the work of the Organization;
(v) Prepare, with the support of the Secretary-General, proposals concerning the overall strategy and the work programme to be adopted by the Assembly;
(vi) Consider the financial statements and budget estimates prepared by the Secretary-General and submit them for approval to the Assembly with comments and recommendations regarding programmatic allocations of the budget estimates;
(vii) Review proposals submitted to it by subsidiary organs and refer them:
- *To the Assembly for all matters requiring decisions by the Assembly;*
- *Back to the subsidiary organ if considered necessary; or*
- *To the Member States for adoption, through correspondence;*

(viii) Propose to the Assembly the establishment of subsidiary organs; and
(ix) Review draft agreements between the Organization and other organizations, and submit them to the Assembly for approval."

Article 7

Article VII of the Convention is amended to read as follows:

(a) "The Finance Committee shall be open to all Member States. Each Member State shall have one vote.

(b) The Finance Committee shall normally be convened in conjunction with each ordinary session of the Assembly and may convene additional meetings as appropriate.