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To: All IMO Members  
United Nations and specialized agencies  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status  
Liberation movements

Subject: **Postponement of the forty-fourth session of the Facilitation Committee, the second meeting of the IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization, the Port symposium "A Holistic approach to standards for port operational data in maritime supply chains" and the 102nd session of the Maritime Safety Committee due to the COVID-19 outbreak**

1 Further to the postponement of the joint session of the LC/LP Scientific Groups, the 107th session of the Legal Committee, the thirty-third meeting of the Editorial & Technical Group (IMSBC), the seventh meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships and the seventy-fifth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee due to the COVID-19 outbreak, which were announced in Circular Letters No.4213 and No.4213/Add.1, the purpose of this circular is to inform delegations and other attendees of the postponement of additional IMO meetings in line with previous considerations.

2 Taking into account the determination by the World Health Organization (WHO), on 11 March 2020, that the outbreak of COVID-19 is now pandemic and the decisions taken by the Government of the United Kingdom (as the host Government) as well as the governments of other IMO Member States drastically restricting international travel; the following determinations, as a matter of urgent necessity, have been made:

- .1 the forty-fourth session of the Facilitation Committee, scheduled to take place from 20 to 24 April 2020;
- .2 the second meeting of the IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization, scheduled to take place from 27 April to 1 May 2020;
- .3 the Port symposium "A Holistic approach to standards for port operational data in maritime supply chains", scheduled to take place on 30 April 2020; and
- .4 the 102nd session of the Maritime Safety Committee, scheduled to take place from 13 to 22 May 2020,

are postponed until further notice.

3 The Secretary-General will be consulting with Member States, and in particular Members of the Council, on these actions and any others (i.e. additional postponements) required in the interest of public health and safety. The Secretary-General will continue to follow the recommendations and guidance of WHO and the Government of the United Kingdom to ensure that precautions are taken to minimize risks to delegates attending meetings at IMO Headquarters. Further updates about other meetings scheduled to take place in June will be provided as soon as possible.

4 Information regarding the rescheduling of postponed meetings will be made in good time, to allow delegations and attendees to make appropriate arrangements.

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