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**TO: LABOUR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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**SINGAPORE ESTABLISHES CREW FACILITATION CENTRE & SINGAPORE SHIPPING
TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE RESILIENCE FUND FOR SAFE CREW CHANGE**

Action Required: *Members are advised to note that ICS has been sent the following information from the MPA in Singapore regarding crew changes.*

The MPA has advised that they will be taking enhanced measures to further secure safe port operations and facilitate crew change to allow essential goods to continue to flow through the Port of Singapore, and for Singapore to play its part in the global supply chain.

As a global hub port and international maritime centre, Singapore remains committed to facilitate successful crew changes in a safe manner. To accelerate the process and propagate best practices of safe crew change, MPA, Singapore Shipping Association, Singapore Maritime Officers' Union, and Singapore Organisation of Seamen, will establish a S\$1 million Singapore Shipping Tripartite Alliance Resilience (SG-STAR) Fund to work with stakeholders in seafaring nations on concrete solutions for safe crew changes, such as initiatives on best practices for crew holding facilities and PCR testing centres.

The MPA will be issuing the following media materials shortly.

Annex A - Media Release

Annex B - Enclosure 1

Annex C - Enclosure 2

Annex D - Enclosure 3

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