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To: All IMO Members  
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of Ukraine**

The Government of Ukraine has sent the attached communication, dated 24 February 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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The Embassy of Ukraine in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organisation and has the honour to inform about the following.

In connection with the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and being guided by the requirements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has adopted an Order dated February 25, 2022 №183-r "On establishing the level of maritime security in sea and river ports of Ukraine, port facilities, vessels entitled to sail under the State flag of Ukraine".

According to the aforementioned Order the MARSEC Level 3 Exceptional (Attack Imminent) was established starting from February 25, 2022 for the duration of martial law in Ukraine.

In this regard, the ports of Ukraine are closed for entry and exit.

The Embassy of Ukraine would appreciate if this Note Verbal is urgently circulated among IMO Member States to all IMO Member States, international organizations which have concluded agreements of cooperation with the IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the IMO.

The Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organisation the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 26 February 2022



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