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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, received on 11 March 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



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**Secretariat of the
International Maritime Organization**

Cc: IMO Seafarer Crisis Action Team (SCAT)

The State Service for Maritime and River Transport of Ukraine (Maritime Administration) presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization and would like to inform it of the following recommendations for crew to leaving vessels, located in ports of Ukraine in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, currently closed because of the ongoing Russian aggression against Ukraine.

Due to the military actions on the territory of Ukraine it is recommended that the vessels crew be reduced to the minimal safe number of crew needed to keep the vessel operational (preferably citizens of Ukraine).

Seafarers should proceed in an organized manner to the borders of Ukraine to leave the country through safe corridors. Organization of transportation of the crew members and changing of the crew should be done by your agents, who will communicate with local military administrations. For Ukrainian ports of Yuzhniy, Chornomorsk and Odesa the safest directions are to the borders of Moldova and Romania.

Crew members of vessels located in other ports of Ukraine should follow the safest humanitarian corridors depending on conditions in those regions.

Recommended countries for departure are Romania, Poland, Moldova, Slovakia and Hungary.

The Maritime Administration of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IMO Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vitaliy KINDRATIV'.

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