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To: All Member States

Subject: **Workshop on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals**

1 The Secretary-General has the honour to invite representation at a Workshop on the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>). The workshop will take place on Friday, 11 January 2019, starting at 9.30 a.m. in the Delegates Lounge of the IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, United Kingdom.

2 The achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is of utmost importance for the IMO. This has already been demonstrated with the adoption of the Organization's Strategic Plan for the six-year period 2018-2023, adopted by the Assembly, at its thirtieth session, in December 2017, which includes clear references to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The vision statement of the Organization directly refers to the need for IMO to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as to support Member States in their implementation of the Agenda.

3 Furthermore, the importance of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, as well as IMO's role in contributing to their achievement are also stressed in the overarching principles for the Organization's Strategic Plan, which highlight specific topics that should be considered in all of the Organization's work, including all strategic directions.

4 IMO adopted the resolution A.1126(30) on "*Linkages between the technical assistance work of the IMO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*", highlighting the role of the Organization's technical cooperation and capacity building in supporting the implementation and achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

Aim and expected outcome of the workshop

5 In order to build on the momentum of these important documents and to further strengthen the Organization's contribution towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, the Secretariat, in cooperation with the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC), has developed a workshop on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

6 The aim of the workshop is to have a better understanding of the concepts underlying the 2030 Agenda, policy coherence, as well as UN Reform, including opportunities for IMO to leverage its role in the context of the 2030 Agenda from a programmatic, policy, stakeholder engagement and communications perspective.

7 In addition, IMO Member State representatives will identify opportunities for integrated approaches to SDG implementation in the context of international maritime transport, and its relevance for national sustainable development approaches, in view of national planning cycles and long-term visions, and to engage in sustainable development thinking in terms of policy and programmatic choices.

Workshop programme: Friday, 11 January 2019

8 In order to achieve these goals, the workshop will be structured as follows:

- .1 Opening remarks
- .2 Introduction to sustainable development
- .3 The 2030 Agenda
- .4 UN Reform in view of the 2030 Agenda
- .5 An integrated approach to Sustainable Development: Member State and stakeholder perspectives in the context of international maritime transport
- .6 Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development
- .7 Partnership building, stakeholder engagement – ensuring buy-in and ownership
- .8 Leveraging IMO's role: Advocacy, Communication and Awareness Raising
- .9 Way forward and next steps

9 The workshop will close with a reception hosted by the Secretary-General, to which all delegates are invited.

Participation and registration

10 Member Governments are required to provide, prior to the meeting date, the names of their representatives who will participate in the workshop, via the Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS) as advised in Circular Letter No.3463 of 14 July 2014. This facilitates both their entry into the building and the production of a list of participants by the Secretariat.

11 Once they have completed the registration procedure, delegates will be issued at IMO with an electronic access card to pass through the security barrier in the IMO building. Issue of the access card will require photographic proof of identity, e.g. passport, identity card or driving licence. Delegates may also be required to show proof of identity at any time while they are in the Headquarters building, if requested by IMO Security. In view of the significant costs incurred in producing access cards, delegates who have previously been issued with one are kindly requested to bring it with them for reactivation.

12 Any matters relating to the use of the OMRS should be communicated to:

Registration Unit
Meeting Services and Interpretation Section, Meeting Services
Email: onlineregistration@imo.org

13 No representative will be registered to attend the meeting without authorization from their OMRS Delegation Coordinator. New delegates whose names appear in the OMRS will be issued with the above-mentioned access card. Delegates whose names are not on the OMRS list will be requested to contact their OMRS Delegation Coordinator in order to process their authorization to attend the meeting.

14 Delegates are advised that the Registration Desk will be open from 7.30 a.m. on Friday, 11 January 2019, when early arrival would be appreciated.

15 All representatives who would like to participate in the workshop are kindly requested to register by **8 January 2019**.

16 Please contact Mrs. Petra Ghassemi Ahari (pghassem@imo.org) for any additional information regarding this workshop.
