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To: All IMO Member States and Associate Members
United Nations and specialized agencies
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO

Subject: **Ministerial Conference on Fishing Vessel Safety and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, to be held in Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain, from 21 to 23 October 2019**

1 The Secretary-General has the honour to invite representation at a Ministerial Conference on Fishing Vessel Safety and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, to be held at the Torremolinos Congress Centre, Calle México 3, 29620, Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain, from 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 21 October, to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 October 2019.

2 The purpose of the Conference is to promote the ratification of the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 (the Agreement) and to deter the proliferation of IUU fishing by establishing international safety standards for fishing vessels. The Conference is being co-hosted by IMO and the Government of Spain, with the kind support of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and The Pew Charitable Trusts.

3 The Conference will include a Ministerial Segment to address the benefits of implementing a mandatory safety regime for fishing vessels, including reduced fatalities, improved working conditions, reduction of marine pollution, increased protection of polar waters, expanded enforcement measures to combat IUU fishing and reduced risks for search and rescue services. The high-level Ministerial Segment will take place on **Monday, 21 October 2019** and, after conclusion, will be followed by the main Conference Programme. All delegates and observers attending the Conference will be invited to observe the Ministerial Segment and participate in the main Conference Programme, which will include presentations and panel discussions on the various topics to be addressed by the Conference.

4 In view of the importance of the Ministerial Segment and the participation of the United Nations and various of its entities involved in fishing issues, the Secretary-General has invited representation from the United Nations and has been advised that the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Mr. Peter Thomson, will attend the Conference and deliver the opening address for the Ministerial Segment.

5 Simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of IMO (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) will be provided and the resolutions and other documentation emanating from the Conference will be translated into these six languages. The preliminary Conference Programme is set out in annex 1 and a detailed final Programme will be issued in due course together with a list of any special events to be held during the Conference.

6 The Conference is intended for ministers, policymakers, senior officials and relevant experts responsible for implementing fishing vessel safety and IUU fishing policies and enacting national legislation to ratify the Agreement. Given that fishing matters are often managed by more than one Government entity (e.g. fisheries, maritime, transport, etc.), Governments are encouraged to nominate at least two participants, representing the ministries and Government agencies responsible for ratifying and implementing the Agreement. The Conference is expected to be followed by a meeting of the Joint FAO/IMO Working Group on IUU Fishing, to be held after the Conference concludes on Wednesday, 23 October, until Friday, 25 October 2019, at the same venue.¹

7 Governments and organizations wishing to attend the Conference should inform the Secretary-General of the names of the members of their delegations nominated to participate. This list, which serves as authorization to attend the meeting, must be on official letter-headed paper and signed by the responsible or duly authorized officer of the Government or organization concerned. Member States, IGOs and NGOs in consultative status with IMO are required to provide, prior to the meeting date, the names of all members of their delegations attending the Conference via the Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS), as advised in Circular Letter No.3463 of 14 July 2014.

8 Administrative access is required to register via the OMRS. **Government representatives who have never registered for an IMO meeting**, but have attended meetings of other United Nations agencies (e.g. FAO, ILO, etc.), should contact the IMO Secretariat if they need assistance with registration. Any matters relating to registration and the use of the OMRS should be communicated to:

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

9 **IGOs and NGOs in consultative status with other United Nations agencies** (e.g. FAO, ILO, etc.), but not IMO, wishing to attend the Conference are required to provide, prior to the Conference date, the names of all the members of their delegations, using the pre-registration form set out in annex 5 for each named participant. The form should be accompanied by an official letter signed by the responsible person of the organization concerned. The list and the pre-registration forms should be sent by email to fvs@imo.org not later than **Monday, 7 October 2019**. This will facilitate both entry into the Conference Hall and production of the list of participants by the Secretariat.

10 To ensure appropriate logistical arrangements are in place for the Ministerial Segment of the Conference, the Secretary-General would appreciate being notified, in advance (if possible by **Monday, 7 October 2019**), of the names of high-level representatives, at ministerial level in particular, who would wish to engage in the high-level segment.

11 The Organization will be considering requests to provide financial assistance in relation to travel and accommodation expenses from Member States that are qualified to apply for such assistance under IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP). Financial assistance is available to support the participation of two delegates from each Member State qualified under the ITCP. Such requests should be sent to the Organization not later than **Friday, 16 August 2019**. Annexes 2 and 3 contain further information on the procedures for financial assistance through the ITCP.

¹ The meeting of the Working Group is subject to approval by MEPC 74 and MSC 101.

12 For identification purposes and security reasons delegates are required to wear identification badges at all times for accessing the Conference Hall. The badges will be issued by the IMO Secretariat on the basis of the pre-registration information received (see paragraphs 7 to 9 above). Delegates will be able to register at the Registration Counter, located in the Torremolinos Congress Centre, starting at 7.30 a.m. on **Monday, 21 October 2019**. In case of loss of an identification badge, the delegate concerned should immediately inform the IMO Secretariat at the Registration Counter.

13 Those wishing to attend the Conference should make the required arrangements for their travel and stay in Spain, including any visa which they may require, and should have adequate travel and medical insurance cover for that purpose. Neither the Organization nor Spain have or assume any responsibility in this respect.

14 Further information on travel to Spain, including information on visa requirements and available hotels, which has been provided by the Government of Spain, is set out in annex 4.

ANNEX 1
PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME²

21 to 23 OCTOBER 2019				
DAY	START	END	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS
DAY 1	09:30	10:00	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from Mayor of Torremolinos • Opening address by the Secretary-General • Keynote Address by Spanish Minister of Development • Appointment of Conference President 	TBC*
	10:00	17:30	Ministerial Segment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President opens Segment • Keynote address by UN Special Envoy • Statements by Ministers • General discussion • Reception hosted by the Government of Spain 	TBC*
DAY 2	09:00	10:00	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator introduction • Presentations • Panel discussion 	TBC*
	10:00	11:00	IUU fishing, safety, working conditions and the Cape Town Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator introduction • Presentations • Panel discussion 	TBC*
	11:30	12:30	Safety of fishing vessels in polar waters and protection of the marine environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator introduction • Presentations • Panel discussion 	TBC*
	14:30	16:00	Advantages of ratifying the Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator introduction • Presentations • Panel discussion 	TBC*
	16:30	17:30	Challenges for bringing the Agreement into force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator introduction • Presentations • Panel discussion 	TBC*

* To be confirmed.

² An updated circular letter with a detailed final programme will be issued in due course prior to the Conference.

21 to 23 OCTOBER 2019				
DAY	START	END	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS
DAY 3	09:30	10:30	Road to ratification <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator introduction• Presentations• Panel discussion	TBC*
	10:30	11:00	Adoption of the Conference resolution	
	11:30	12:30	Closing remarks	

* To be confirmed.

ANNEX 2

**MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FISHING VESSEL SAFETY AND IUU FISHING
TORREMOLINOS, MÁLAGA, SPAIN, FROM 21 TO 23 OCTOBER 2019**

NOMINATION AND REQUEST FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE VIA THE ITCP

A completed request form for each delegate attending the Conference, including the acceptance form (annex 3), should be received by IMO **not later than Friday, 16 August 2019**. Please use a separate form for each delegate nominated (no more than two delegates per Member State will be funded). Requests arriving after the deadline might not be considered.

- 1 _____
 FAMILY NAME FIRST NAME OTHER NAME
- 2 Organization: _____
 Title/Position in your organization: _____
 Official mailing address: _____

- Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
 Mobile: _____
 Work email: _____
 Home email: _____
- 3 Nearest airport at which air travel can commence and terminate:
 Name of airport: _____ Location _____
- 4 Date of birth: _____
- 5 Sex: Male _____ Female _____
- 6 Place of birth: _____
- 7 Nationality: _____
- 8 Passport Number: _____
- 9 Date and Place of Issue: _____

10 Person to notify in case of emergency

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Mob: _____

11 Please describe briefly your current duties:

12 Please state briefly your educational background and professional qualifications:

13 Previous experience

14 Please state briefly your previous work experience or involvement with the issues which the Conference will address

Nominee's signature

Please tick the box to confirm that the nominee meets the profile required for this meeting and is the most appropriate candidate.

Each nomination should be submitted to:

Ms. Susan Stiles
Administrative Assistant
Sub-Division for Marine Technology &
Cargoes, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
Tel: +44 (0)20 7463 4120
Email: fvs@imo.org

Signature of Government official
authenticating this nomination

Printed name

Title

ANNEX 3

ACCEPTANCE FORM FOR DELEGATIONS REQUESTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

I hereby accept the invitation of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to participate in the Ministerial Conference on Fishing Vessel Safety and IUU Fishing, to be held in Torremolinos (Málaga), Spain, from 21 to 23 October 2019.

I confirm that:

- 1 I will refrain from engaging in political, commercial and any other activities than those governed by the Conference;
- 2 I have understood the objective, scope and subject areas of the Conference;
- 3 I have noted the profile necessary for the Conference and I am confident that I meet the requirements;
- 4 I will advise IMO immediately if I am unable to attend the Conference;
- 5 I will return to my country after the end of the Conference;
- 6 I will travel to the venue and return to my home country at the end of the Conference, by the route designated by IMO, in case IMO was to provide financial assistance in relation to the travel;
- 7 I am responsible for obtaining any visa for entry and stay in Spain which may be required in relation to attending the Conference;
- 8 I am prepared to bear the cost of all medical expenses I may incur and am aware that IMO and the Government of Spain will not assume any relevant responsibility. I understand I am responsible for arranging any necessary insurance cover for my trip;

Signature of Participant _____

Name of Participant
(Printed) _____

Official address

Date _____

ANNEX 4

TRAVEL, VISA AND ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN

I. FOCAL PERSON IN SPAIN

Mr. Luis Fernández
Directorate General of the Merchant Marine.
Department/ Ministry of Public Works and Transport.
Telephone Number: +34 91.597.92.85
Email address: torremolinos.conf@fomento.es

II. SPANISH SECRETARIAT

The Spanish Secretariat will provide the necessary logistical arrangements and requirements for the Conference. They will be stationed at the Directorate General of Merchant Marine, C/ Ruiz de Alarcón, nº1, Madrid, Spain, C.P. 28071; and at the Torremolinos Congress Centre (TCC), Calle México, 3, Torremolinos (Málaga) – España/Spain – C.P. 29620. Tel. (+34) 952 379 203.

III. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Delegates should make their own accommodation arrangements. The hotels for which the Spanish Secretariat has arranged special rates are listed below together with the relating contact details. Those wishing to stay at one of the listed hotels should contact the relevant hotel directly.

IV. ARRIVAL AND IMMIGRATION COURTESIES

1 Delegates are requested to provide hotel accommodation, arrival and departure details to the focal person in Spain to facilitate transfer services to and from the Congress Centre.

2 A special immigration lane/counter and welcoming team will at the Málaga-Costa del Sol International Airport Terminal to assist delegates on arrival. Further information will be provided in due course.

V. TRANSPORT SERVICES

1 Delegates should make their own travel arrangements from and to the airport upon arrival and departure. This can be done by making a related request to the hotel or by using the available airport metered-taxis or other services. Information on available means of transport can be found at <https://turismotorremolinos.es/en/planning/transport/>.

2 Spain will provide shuttle services at scheduled times from the hotels listed in section XI of this annex to and from the Congress Centre from Monday, 21 October until Friday, 25 October 2019.

VI. SOCIAL EVENTS

1 The Government of Spain will be hosting a Welcome Reception on the first evening of the Conference, on Monday, 21 October 2019. Smart casual attire is highly recommended.

2 There will be an optional half day Málaga City Tour on 23 October 2019. Interested delegates should contact the focal person in Spain under point I. above.

VII. IMMIGRATION/VISA REQUIREMENTS

1 The embassies and consular offices of Spain all over the world have been advised of the celebration of the Conference and of the future delegates' visa requirements due to it. Any questions on immigration requirements of the Spanish Government should be directed to the Spanish diplomatic or consular mission in your country.

2 It is strongly recommended that Delegates and accompanying individuals who require visas for entry to Spain check the visa requirements with a Spanish Consulate/Embassy. All involved procedures for obtaining a visa should be carried out directly by the interested party as soon as possible, since otherwise it cannot be guaranteed that the visa be approved and issued on time.

3 Spain will work jointly with the IMO Secretariat to identify the registered participants by each country in order to facilitate the processing of visas with the relevant embassies or consulates.

VIII. GUIDELINES ON THE ENTRY OF TEMPORARY VISITORS TO SPAIN

1 Citizens from some non-EU countries are required to hold a visa when travelling to the [Schengen Area](#). The European Union has a common list of countries whose citizens must have a visa when crossing the external borders and a list of countries whose citizens are exempt from that requirement. These lists are set out in [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1806](#). Generally, a short-stay visa issued by one of the Schengen States entitles its holder to travel throughout the 26 Schengen States for up to 90 days in any 180-day period. Visas for visits exceeding that period remain subject to national procedures.

1.1 List of countries whose nationals are required to be in possession of a Visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union (EU Regulation n°2018/1806 – Annex I) are listed below:

Afghanistan	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kyrgyzstan	Sao Tomé and Príncipe
Algeria	Djibouti	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saudi Arabia
Angola	Dominican Republic	Lebanon	Senegal
Armenia	Ecuador	Lesotho	Sierra Leone
Azerbaijan	Egypt	Liberia	Somalia
Bahrain	Equatorial Guinea	Libya	South Africa
Bangladesh	Eritrea	Madagascar	South Sudan
Belarus	Eswatini	Malawi	Sri Lanka
Belize	Ethiopia	Maldives	Sudan
Benin	Fiji	Mali	Suriname
Bhutan	Gabon	Mauritania	Syrian Arab Republic
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Gambia	Mongolia	Tajikistan
Botswana	Ghana	Morocco	Thailand
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Mozambique	Togo
Burundi	Guinea- Bissau	Myanmar	Tunisia
Cabo Verde	Guyana	Namibia	Turkey
Cambodia	Haiti	Nepal	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	India	Niger	Uganda

Central African Republic	Indonesia	Nigeria	United Republic of Tanzania
Chad	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Oman	Uzbekistan
China	Iraq	Pakistan	Viet Nam
Comoros	Jamaica	Papua New Guinea	Yemen
Congo	Jordan	Philippines	Zambia
Côte d'Ivoire	Kazakhstan	Qatar	Zimbabwe
Cuba	Kenya	Russian Federation	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Kuwait	Rwanda	

1.2 List of countries whose nationals are exempt from the requirement to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-days period. (EU Regulation n°2018/1806 – Annex II):

Albania ⁽¹⁾	El Salvador	Montenegro ⁽⁵⁾	San Marino
Andorra	Georgia ⁽³⁾	Nauru ⁽⁶⁾	Serbia ^{(5) (*)}
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada ⁽²⁾	New Zealand	Seychelles
Argentina	Guatemala	Nicaragua	Singapore
Australia	Holy See	North Macedonia ⁽¹⁾	Solomon Islands
Bahamas	Honduras	Palau ⁽⁶⁾	Timor-Leste ⁽⁶⁾
Barbados	Israel	Panama	Tonga ⁽⁶⁾
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁽¹⁾	Japan	Paraguay	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	Kiribati ⁽²⁾	Peru ⁽⁶⁾	Tuvalu ⁽⁶⁾
Brunei Darussalam	Malaysia	Republic of Korea	Ukraine ⁽⁷⁾
Canada	Marshall Islands ⁽⁶⁾	Republic of Moldova ⁽⁴⁾	United Arab Emirates ⁽²⁾
Chile	Mauritius	Saint Kitts and Nevis	United States of America
Colombia	Mexico	Saint Lucia ⁽²⁾	Uruguay
Costa Rica	Micronesia (Federated States of) ⁽²⁾	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ⁽⁶⁾	Vanuatu ⁽⁶⁾
Dominica ⁽²⁾	Monaco	Samoa	Venezuela

(*) Excluding holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate.

⁽¹⁾ The exemption from the visa requirement shall only apply to holders of biometric passports.

⁽²⁾ The exemption from the visa requirement shall apply from the date of entry into force of an agreement on visa exemption to be concluded with the European Union.

⁽³⁾ The exemption from the visa requirement shall be limited to the holders of biometric passports issued by Georgia in line with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

⁽⁴⁾ The exemption from the visa requirement shall be limited to the holders of biometric passports issued by Moldova in line with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

⁽⁵⁾ The exemption from the visa requirement shall only apply to holders of biometric passports.

⁽⁶⁾ The exemption from the visa requirement shall apply from the date of entry into force of an agreement on visa exemption to be concluded with the European Union.

⁽⁷⁾ The exemption from the visa requirement shall be limited to the holders of biometric passports issued by Ukraine in line with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

1.3 For citizens of Hong Kong, China, Macao, China, and British citizens who are not nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, please see the conditions provided in [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1806](#)

IX. WEATHER

1 Torremolinos and Málaga have a subtropical-Mediterranean climate, which means that it offers mild temperatures all year round without any drastic changes. The rainfall in the province of Málaga tends to occur during short periods, concentrating the majority of these rainfalls, amongst the winter months.

2 Torremolinos and Málaga enjoy an average of 330 sunny days a year with an average temperature of 22°C.

3 The weather forecast can be found at:

<http://www.aemet.es/es/eltiempo/prediccion/municipios/torremolinos-id29901>

X. TRAVEL TIPS AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Airport information

1.1 Torremolinos is in the heart of the Costa del Sol and it is a leading destination of this touristy area in Andalusia (Spain).

1.2 The city of Torremolinos is located just 10 minutes away from Málaga- Costa del Sol International Airport with direct access to the A-7 an AP-7 motorway and the N-340 highway.

1.3 The United Kingdom has the highest volume of passenger flights to/from Málaga- Costa del Sol International Airport, with London Gatwick Airport having the most flights, followed by Manchester Airport. These British airports are followed by other European destinations: Amsterdam/Schiphol, Copenhagen, Dublin and Brussels.

1.4 Málaga-Costa del Sol International Airport also has scheduled flights to the rest of Spain, most significantly to Barcelona, Madrid-Barajas and Palma de Mallorca.

1.5 The Airport has adequate traveller facilities: duty-free and souvenir shops, tourist information and assistance counters, hotel and agency representatives, car rental services, banks and automated teller machines, postal service, national and international direct dial telephone booths, medical care and left luggage offices. The Airport is handicapped-friendly and offers free special assistance for passengers with reduced mobility. Upon request, assistance will be ready when you arrive at the airport.

1.6 Detailed information on the Airport at:

<http://www.aena.es/en/malaga-airport/index.html>

1.7 Passenger services provided by the airport at:

<http://www.aena.es/en/malaga-airport/passenger-services.html>

2. Medical Care at the airport

Málaga-Costa del Sol International Airport has a medical centre at floor 0 in its terminal and 12 Cardiac Rescue Points, equipped with SAEDs (Semi-Automatic External Defibrillators), which are intended to help users in the event of cardiac arrest.

3. Passenger with reduced Mobility

As in all European airports, Málaga-Costa del Sol International Airport assists passengers with reduced mobility. This European Union measure represents great social progress for disabled people and, therefore, all the financial, material and human resources have been put in place to provide a quality service that guarantees access to air travel for everyone and between all points within European territory, irrespective of their disability. See more information on:

<http://www.aena.es/en/passengers/people-reduced-mobility/general-information.html>

4. Customs, taxes, luggage

Information on customs and taxes can be found at:

<http://www.aena.es/en/passengers/movement-goods-money.html>

http://www.aena.es/csee/ccurl/367/829/Folleto_viaj_noUE_ENG.pdf

Information on travel documents can be found at:

<http://www.aena.es/en/passengers/travel-documentation.html>

Information about luggage can be found at:

<https://www.aeropuertodemalaga-costadelsol.com/eng/regulations-hand-luggage.htm#medication>

http://www.aena.es/csee/ccurl/367/829/Folleto_viaj_noUE_ENG.pdf

5. Airport departure fees

All fees and taxes are included in the flight ticket.

6. Currency and exchange rate

Unit of currency in Spain: Euro

Exchange offices at the airport buy and sell more than 80 currencies in foreign bank notes, travellers' cheques and accept credit and debit cards, international money transfers, tax refunds and airline vouchers.

7. Tipping

Tipping is expected for many services. The standard practice is no more than 10% of the total bill. Tipping is optional on bills that already include a service charge.

8. Torremolinos City Map

https://turismotorremolinos.es/media/documents/Torremolinos_plano_web.pdf

9. Local transport

A comprehensive public transport network is available to Torremolinos visitors. Metered and fixed rate taxis are widely available nationwide.

10. Food and Dining out

Torremolinos features a rich and varied cuisine and is the home of fried fish. Anchovies, sardines, red mullet, squid, baby squid and cuttlefish reach their zenith here. There are also unbeatable sardines cooked over an open fire, excellent rice and paella, refreshing gazpacho, and popular stews.

Dishes that can be enjoyed in the classic beach restaurants or typical, long-established bars of Calvario – true shrines of the local flavours which you can pair with a good Málaga wine, a beer or a soft drink. Torremolinos has become a place of pilgrimage for lovers of top-quality cooking for all tastes.

More than 250 restaurants and bars combine signature cuisine, creativity and designer tapas with the best traditional recipes. An extensive and varied cuisine to satisfy the most demanding of palates. Spanish gastronomy is very rich, varied and healthy and many restaurants can also be found featuring different styles of Spanish cooking.

International cuisine can be easily found all over Spain as well.

11. Shopping

Torremolinos and Málaga city are large open shopping centres capable of offering the best products and services. Businesses specialising in handicrafts coexist with major fashion, shoe wear, jewellery and souvenir brands, and with lovely shops where will find the best presents for family and friends, with the San Miguel street as the main commercial axis in the city. Both cities offer a modern network of modern and comprehensive shopping centres and malls.

The Spaniards are fashion lovers and are not afraid to play with trends. However, it is worth noting for visitors that prices of Spanish high street brands can be up to 20% lower in Spain, than in other European countries.

12. Business and banking hours

Business and administrative activity starts at 9.00 a.m. until 18.00 p.m. Shopping activity starts at 10.30 a.m. until 8.00 p.m., from Monday to Saturday as a general rule. Banks are open from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, with automated teller machines (ATMs) that operate for 24 hours.

13. Credit cards

All international credit cards such as Visa, Diners Club, MasterCard and American Express Card are widely accepted in Spain.

14. Electricity

Spain uses 230/220 volts of electricity, 50 cycles and F-type sockets.

15. Water

Water in Spain is highly recommended for drinking and in general of good quality, but also bottled mineral water is available in all hotels, restaurants, resorts, supermarkets and convenience stores.

16. Communications facilities

Communications services and facilities in Spain are modern and state-of-the-art with a wide national coverage as far as mobile telephony, computing and internet access are concerned. The postal and mail system is very efficient as well.

Newspapers and foreign press publications are available at major hotels, malls and bookstores in all Spanish cities. International TV channels are also available at hotels.

17. Medical services

Modern public and private hospitals are widespread in the area of the Costa del Sol, with Málaga featuring the best services. In case of medical urgency, please dial the 112-telephone number to receive quick assistance. Most hotels also have first-aid assistance. The health care system of Spain one of the best in the world and is public, universal and free.

18. General information about Spain

Spain is a constitutional monarchy, with a hereditary monarch and a bicameral parliament, "Las Cortes Generales" (General Courts). The Spanish Constitution of 1978 "protect all Spaniards and all the peoples of Spain in the exercise of human rights, their cultures and traditions, languages and institutions". Spain is a full democracy.

Spain is now composed of 17 autonomous communities and two autonomous cities (Ceuta y Melilla) with varying degrees of autonomy thanks to its Constitution, which nevertheless explicitly states the indivisible unity of the Spanish nation.

Spain enjoys good weather, popular coastlines, diverse landscapes, historical legacy, vibrant culture and excellent infrastructures and has gain the international respect all over the world.

The defence of human rights and of mutual understanding among cultures have all made our country a significant actor on the international stage. Solidarity is an undeniable value of Spaniards, who are world leaders in organ donation and our society is one of the most committed to humanitarian projects in the world.

Spaniards believe in innovation and scientific research as part and parcel of social progress. Throughout history, Spaniards have demonstrated audacity and ingenuity to overcome the most challenging and diverse obstacles.

Spain is the country of the European Union that has the longest coastline with a rich and varied natural and maritime heritage, which requires great conservation and protection efforts.

Spanish geographical location, near to the axis of the most important maritime routes in the world, has placed Spain in a leading and strategic position in the international trade as logistic platform of southern and western Europe, where Spanish ports and harbours play an outstanding role in the logistics of the world economy.

Traffic and maritime trade play an outstanding role in the development of the Spanish economy. Spain's position is geostrategic because of the quality and the excellent offer of our network of port infrastructures, a transport space cohesive and integrated in Europe and in the world, the confidence deposited in our country by the international maritime industry and the effort and professionalism of people who work in the Spanish maritime and port sector.

The importance of ports as links for the logistics and transport chains comes from the following figures: The State-owned Spanish Port System includes 46 ports of general interest, managed by 28 Port Authorities and account for close to 60% of exports and 85% of imports, which represents 53% of Spanish foreign trade with the European Union and 96% with third countries. Spanish ports have become are some of the most important maritime transport hubs of southern Europe.

The infrastructure network for land transport is modern and competitive with modern highways connecting all main cities in Spain, and giving access to Portugal and France. In this respect, Spain has the most extensive high-speed rail network in Europe, and the second-most extensive in the world after China. As of October 2010, Spain has a total of 3,500 km (2,174.80 miles) of high-speed tracks linking cities all around Spain with trains reaching speeds up to 300 km/h (190 mph).

As far as air transport is concerned, there are 47 public airports in Spain connecting points around the world and being a hub to Europe, South America, Africa, Asia and other destinations. The busiest one is the airport of Madrid (Barajas), with 50 million passengers in 2011, being the world's 15th busiest airport, as well as the European Union's fourth busiest.

With a long fishing tradition, Spain is considered one of the main players in the fishing sector. His struggle to achieve a responsible, sustainable and properly regulated activity, makes our country a world reference. Spain is also one of the first producers of fishing goods in the European Union. The fishing segment is considered in Spain as a highly competitive sector, with great projection and future development as shown by the indicators related to the construction of last generation fishing vessels, the commitment to the application of sustainable fishing practices or the improvements introduced in the new fisheries policy at the level of the European Union.

Spain and its maritime coasts are a hub of tourist activity, which offer a strategic position between the continents and the seas.

The open and hospitable nature of Spanish people is a hallmark of our country. Throughout our history, different cultures have coexisted in Spain, resulting in our tolerant and peaceable character open to visitors interested in our cultural assets. <https://espanaglobal.gob.es/en/we-are/creative>

In the last five decades, international tourism in Spain has grown to become the second largest in the world. In 2017, Spain was the second most visited country in the world; recording 82 million tourists, which marked the fifth consecutive year of record-beating numbers.

19. Tours and special interest activities

Tour packages, from day trips to five-day programmes, are special ways of discovering Spain and its wealth of culture. Special interest activities include golfing, game-fishing, diving, white-water rafting and other aqua sports, trekking, spelunking and safari trips. See the following link for more information: <https://turismotorremolinos.es/en/>

XI. LIST OF HOTELS

HOTEL NAME	TEL. (+34)	WEB SITE:
AMARAGUA	952 38 47 00	https://www.amaragua.com/
CAMINO REAL	952 38 30 55	http://camino-real.hotels-torremolinos.com/en/
ESSENCE HOTEL BOUTIQUE BY DON PAQUITO	952 387 711	https://www.essencehotel.es/
GRAN CERVANTES BLUE SEA	952 38 40 33	https://www.blueseahotels.com/en/hoteles/destinos/costa-del-sol/torremolinos/blue-sea-gran-hotel-cervantes
ISABEL	952 38 17 44	https://www.hotelisabel.es/
FENIX TORREMOLINOS	952 05 19 94	https://www.thepalmexperiencehotels.com/en/hotel-fenix-torremolinos/
MARCONFORT BEACH CLUB	952 38 1400	https://en.marconfort.com/

HOTEL NAME	TEL. (+34)	WEB SITE:
MARCONFORT GRIEGO	952 38 54 55	https://en.marconfort.com/marconfort-griego/all-inclusive-hotel-costa-del-sol
MELIÁ COSTA DEL SOL*	952 38 66 77	https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/torremolinos/melia-costa-del-sol/index.html
PEZ ESPADA	952 38 03 00	https://www.medplaya.com/hotels/hotel-pez-espada-torremolinos.html
PRINCESA SOLAR	952 37 24 77	http://www.hotelprincesasolar.com/index.php/es/
PUENTE REAL	952 37 66 31	https://www.puentereal.com/en/
RIU COSTA DEL SOL	952 37 56 25	https://www.riu.com/en/hotel/spain/malaga-torremolinos/clubhotel-riu-costa-del-sol/index.jsp
RIU NAUTILUS	952 38 52 00	https://www.riu.com/en/hotel/spain/malaga-torremolinos/hotel-riu-nautilus/index.jsp
HA ROC COSTA PARK	952 37 47 37	https://en.roc-hotels.com/hotel-roc-costa-park-hotel-in-malaga/
ROC LAGO ROJO	952 38 76 66	https://en.roc-hotels.com/hotel-roc-lago-rojo-hotel-in-malaga/
ROYAL AL ANDALUS	952 38 12 00	https://www.hotelroyalandalus.es/en/
SOL HOUSE COSTA DEL SOL*	952 38 70 66	https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/torremolinos/sol-house-costa-del-sol/index.html
SOL DON MARCO*	952 05 53 00	https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/torremolinos/sol-don-marco/index.html
SOL DON PABLO	952 38 38 88	https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/torremolinos/sol-don-pablo/index.htm
SOL DON PEDRO*	952 38 68 44	https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/torremolinos/sol-don-pedro/index.html
SOL PRÍNCIPE*	952 38 41 00	https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/torremolinos/sol-principe/index.html
TROPICANA BEACH CLUB	952 38 66 00	https://www.hotelmstropicana.com/en/

* Hotels providing a special booking platform for delegates interested in attending the Conference. Further information will be submitted in due course.

ANNEX 5

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH IMO

Registration

Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in consultative status with other United Nations agencies (e.g., FAO, ILO, etc.), but not IMO, are required to provide, prior to the Conference date, the names of their representatives and/or observers using the pre-registration form below. The pre-registration form should be accompanied with an official letter signed by the responsible, or duly authorized, person of the organization concerned. The forms and official letter should be sent to fvs@imo.org. This facilitates both their entry into the Conference hall and production of the list of participants by the Secretariat.

Access to the Conference Hall

Once the registration procedure is completed, delegates will be issued at the Venue with an access badge to the Conference hall. Issue of the access badge 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 Conference Centre, if requested by Security.

Delegates whose names are not on the pre-registration list at the Conference venue will be requested to fill out the below pre-registration form and, if necessary, contact the responsible person of their organization in order to process their authorization to attend the Conference.

Assistance with registration

IGOs and NGOs that are not in consultative status with IMO that have questions about the above registration procedures should communicate any questions to fvs@imo.org. Delegates are advised that the Registration Desk will be open from 7.30 a.m. on **Monday, 21 October 2019**, when early arrival would be appreciated.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

(Please transmit the official letter and completed form(s)
by **Monday, 7 October 2019** to fvs@imo.org)

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Title⁶	
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First Name	
Position or Job title	
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Line 3	
City/Town	
State/County	
Postal/Zip Code	
Country	
Telephone number	
Facsimile number	
Mobile phone number⁷	
Email address	

³ Insert name of Intergovernmental Organization or Non-governmental Organization.

⁴ List the United Nations agency where your organization has consultative status. This will be verified by the IMO Secretariat.

⁵ Insert for example Representative or Observer, as appropriate.

⁶ e.g. Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., Admiral, Captain, etc.

⁷ Optional.