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Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization H. E. Mr. Kitack Lim

Dear Mr. Lim!

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine I have the honor to present my compliments to Your Excellency and to the International Maritime Organization and would like to address with the following.

In view of the current situation and the introduction in the world and Ukraine the prevent measures of disease spread caused by the coronavirus Covid-19, we inform that the validity of the qualification documents of seafarers which are on a voyage now issued on behalf of Ukraine in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, expiring in March, April and May 2020, are deemed to be extended for no more than 3 months from the date of expiry of their term of validity, in the case of agreement of such extension by the country of the flag of the vessel and the obligatory extension of the seafarers' employment contract by the shipowner.

In case of continuation of the employment contract, the shipowner is obliged to inform the Maritime Administration and the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine at the following e-mail: psc.ua@marad.gov.ua, m.melnyk@mtu.gov.ua. The notification shall contain the following information: the name of the shipowner, the name and IMO number of the vessel, the seafarer's full name, position on board the vessel, details of the qualification documents or scanned copies of it, a copy of the extended employment contract.

I address to the Secretariat with the kind request to submit this letter to all Member States of the International Maritime Organization.

Let me avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency and the International Maritime Organization assurances of my highest consideration and express hope for further fruitful cooperation.

Yours faithfully

Minister

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