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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has sent the attached communication, dated 3 January 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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HE. Mr. Kitak Lim,
Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization.

Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) –Update of Measures taken by the Egyptian Ministry of Health on preventive quarantine measures to combat Coronavirus in relation with crew changing and repatriation in the Egyptian ports (November 2020).

Excellency,

Within our efforts to alleviate the repercussions of COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the IMO and other international Organizations' instructions, protocols and guidelines to sustain the global chain of supplies and ensure safe crew changes and repatriation, we have the honor to inform you of the update of the procedures taken by the Egyptian Health Authority to facilitate the changing and repatriation of crews in the Egyptian ports.

The following updates come into force as of November 2020:

- 1- All seafarers and crews of ships shall be prohibited from entering the Arab Republic of Egypt without having a PCR certificate for the detection of the Coronavirus with a negative result 72 hours before reaching the Egyptian territories, or a PCR test is performed before disembarking at the ports of arrival in the Arab Republic of Egypt. Medical swabs shall be taken by the Egyptian quarantine or under its supervision. Seafarers shall not be allowed to disembark until the results are negative. Those with positive PCR results shall not leave the ship.
- 2- PCR tests are performed for truck drivers and crews coming from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan via ports of Nuweiba and Safaga for a financial cost of \$ 30 or its equivalent, provided that the swabs are taken upon the arrival of the ferry, container or ship and with concerned truck drivers and crews on board. The tests are sent immediately to the laboratories of the Ministry of Health and the exit procedures are resumed upon issuance of tests' results.
- 3- All arrivals by air at the airports of Sharm El-Sheikh, Taba, Marsa Alam and Hurghada shall be prohibited from entering the Arab Republic of Egypt without having a PCR

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certificate for the detection of the Coronavirus with a negative result 72 hours as of the scheduled take-off time to the Arab Republic of Egypt, or a PCR test is performed in the concerned airports for a financial cost of \$ 30 or its equivalent.

Therefore, we kindly request the IMO Secretariat to circulate the abovementioned information among Member States.

The Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector avails itself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,

3-1-2021

R. Adm. Reda Ahmed Ismail
President, Maritime Transport Sector.