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To: IMO Member States

Subject: **Position in the IMO Junior Professional Officer programme**

1 The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to announce a position for a Junior Professional Officer (JPO).

2 The IMO Junior Professional Officer (JPO) programme is a voluntary programme under which Member States sponsor the secondment of young professionals from their country to work at IMO. The secondment is for a period of up to three years. JPOs are engaged at the P.2 level and are assigned substantive work while serving at IMO, in addition to receiving --on-the-job training and familiarization.

3 Selection of candidates for a place on the programme is on a competitive basis. Selected JPOs would be expected to take up their assignment following a successful recruitment process.

4 Member States willing to participate in the programme are encouraged to nominate a maximum of three applicants per JPO position (see annex for details). Applications received directly from candidates will not be accepted: only nominations submitted through the respective sponsoring Member State will be considered. Nominations from sponsoring Member States should consist of a nomination letter as well as an [IMO Personal History Form](#) and cover letter from the candidate. Nominations from sponsoring Member States should reach the Organization no later than **28 June 2024**.

5 Nominated candidates participating in the programme should note that there is no expectation of conversion to, or engagement in, a permanent position in the Organization after completion of the period of the JPO assignment.

6 In nominating candidates for a position in the programme, the sponsoring Member States agrees to bear the responsibility of all costs related to the JPO. The JPO programme is independent from, and JPO posts are additional to, the posts financed by the Organization's regular budget. The terms of engagement of nominated JPOs are agreed through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding confirming, inter alia, the sponsoring Member State's commitment to cover all JPO related costs directly or through IMO. All costs must be paid in advance to IMO, before the JPO joins the Organization, so that it is not compromised financially.

7 In accordance with a standard Memorandum of Understanding, salaries, benefits, travel costs, etc., of a JPO may be paid using one of two modalities: directly to the JPO by the sponsoring Member State under the modality of "Gratis Personnel", or through the Organization on the basis of a yearly reimbursement by the sponsoring Member State as "Reimbursement through IMO".

8 Under the modality of "Reimbursement through IMO" a yearly contribution from the sponsoring Member State to offset the Organization's administrative support costs (normally 12% on the sum expended) will be levied.

9 Under the modality of "Gratis Personnel", a target annual support cost charge of US\$10,000 will be sought, however an alternative contribution to the Organization's costs may be made, in cash or in kind, on the basis of an agreement between the Organization and the nominating Member State.

10 In the case of a nomination of "Gratis Personnel" by a developing country, the administrative support cost of US\$10,000 per annum may be charged to an appropriate technical cooperation regional capacity-building budget.

11 **All nominations should be sent by email by the sponsoring Member State to rsd@imo.org quoting the specific JPO position number in the subject line.**

ANNEX

POST NUMBER	SECTION	DIVISION
JPO 24-05	Climate and Clean Air Section	Marine Environment Division

JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER (JPO) PROGRAMME
GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL JPO POSITIONS

Recruitment information:

Appointments are subject to funding by the Member State for a period of one year with the possibility of extension up to a total of three years, subject to requirements and satisfactory performance. All JPO positions are subject and limited to funding by the nominating Member State. IMO does not guarantee employment beyond the JPO appointment period.

Required competencies:

The successful candidate will have:

- a) Ability to draft a range of documents (reports, briefing notes) combined with excellent research and analytical skills.
- b) Proven ability to think strategically; work independently and in teams.
- c) Organizational skills and a high degree of initiative together with the ability to work under pressure and manage high volumes of work.
- d) Proven ability to adapt to varied environments and maintain effective working relations at all levels with people with different languages, nationalities and cultural backgrounds.
- e) Integrity, discretion, accuracy and meticulous attention to detail.

Professional experience:

Minimum two years' professional experience in relation to the requirements of the post. Work experience in an international context would be desirable.

Academic qualifications:

University degree, or equivalent professional qualification in relation to the requirements of the post.

Language skills:

Excellent command of written and spoken English is required; knowledge of other official languages of the Organization will be an advantage.

Other skills:

Competent in the use of Microsoft Office.

How to apply:

Since this is a position financed by a nominating Member State, *only nominations submitted directly by a sponsoring Member State will be accepted*. Member State nominations should include (1) a cover letter and (2) an up-to-date [Personal History Form](#) (PHF) from the nominee. The nominee's cover letter should state the reasons for applying and relevant experience to the role. Member State nominations must be submitted to the following email address: rsd@imo.org.

Please quote the relevant *JPO position number* in the subject line of the nomination

Kindly **do not** submit nominations via multiple routes

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IMO encourages the nominations from Member States of qualified women. IMO will make every effort to facilitate the employment of persons with disabilities.

MARINE ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Junior Professional Officer

Position number: JPO 24-05

Admin number: ADMIN/24/39

Specific professional experience:

Minimum of two years of demonstrated professional experience in at least one of the following areas:

- Climate change and clean air policy development and/or implementation for international shipping;
- Renewable marine fuels production/supply/on-board use and/or life cycle GHG intensity assessment;
- On-board exhaust emissions cleaning/reduction technology and/or energy efficiency technology;
- Sustainable port development;
- Experience with IMO meetings, notably those of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), Intersessional Working Group on GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG), or the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR); or
- Development and/or implementation of environment-related IMO conventions or guidelines.

Academic subjects:

University degree in engineering, naval architecture, maritime administration, maritime law, climate economy, trade/logistics, environmental sciences or related subjects.

Main duties and responsibilities:

Under the direct supervision and guidance of the Director of the Marine Environment Division (MED) and the immediate supervision of the Head, Climate Action and Clean Air Section, the incumbent will:

- 1 Assist in the work of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), the Intersessional Working Group on Greenhouse Gas reduction (ISWG-GHG) and the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR), as well as relevant working, drafting and expert groups, including preparation of documents, briefs and reports for items related to the reduction of greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions and the prevention of air pollution from international shipping;
- 2 Assist in matters related to MARPOL Annex VI, the NOx Technical Code, related guidelines and other relevant guidance as well as IMO's policies related to the reduction of GHG and air pollutants emissions from ships, such as the *2023 IMO Strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships*, including drafting of texts, supporting related projects, responding to queries, drafting of memos, briefs and articles as well as preparation of circulars;

- 3 Assist in matters related to the assessment of impacts on States of possible economic measures, maritime trade impacts and fuel availability analysis;
 - 4 Assist with the implementation of technical cooperation activities aimed at the ratification and implementation of MARPOL Annex VI;
 - 5 Assist in developing outreach and promotional material regarding the Organization's work on climate action and clean air;
 - 6 Assist in matters related to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other UN activities in the context of climate change; and
 - 7 Perform any other related duties, as required.
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