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To: IMO Member States and other Governments  
United Nations and specialized agencies  
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Subject: **Webinar "2024 – Window of opportunities for shipping"  
24 October 2022**

1 The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, on behalf of IAPH and BIMCO, has the honour to invite participation in a joint webinar on "2024 – Window of opportunities for shipping" which is scheduled to take place during EGDH 7 on 24 October 2022, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (UTC+1).

2 The webinar will highlight the benefits and opportunities for maritime trade arising from the application of the maritime single window (MSW) to electronic ship clearance processes in ports which will become mandatory for Contracting Governments to the FAL Convention on 1 January 2024. Participants will also hear how collaboration between Governments, ports and shipping is key for the digitalization of the ship-port interface to ensure the exchange of standardized and harmonized information.

3 The programme for the webinar is set out in the annex.

4 The webinar will be conducted in English without interpretation and will be streamed on the [IMO YouTube channel](#).

5 As a follow up to this webinar, IMO is organizing a hybrid symposium (in-person and remote participation) on 18 and 19 January 2023 entitled "One year to the new obligation to establish maritime single windows" to further support IMO Members States' efforts to implement the MSW by 1 January 2024. This symposium will bring together experts from Governments, ports, the shipping industry and standards organizations to shed more light on key challenges and opportunities for accelerating digitalization, including the implementation of MSWs.

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## ANNEX

### WEBINAR – "2024 – WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHIPPING"

#### Programme

**Date and time:** Monday, 24 October 2022, 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (UTC+1).

**Objective:** To highlight the benefits and opportunities for maritime trade arising from the application of the maritime single window to electronic ship clearance processes in ports.

**Platform:** Follow the webinar via the [IMO Tube Channel](#)

Time	Speakers
11.30 a.m.	Welcoming remarks by Dr. Heike Deggim Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
11.35 a.m.	Mr. Mikael Renz (Sweden) Chair of the IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization
11.50 a.m.	Dr. Patrick Verhoeven Managing Director, Policy and Strategy International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH)
12.05 p.m.	Mr. Jeppe Skovbakke Juhl Manager, Maritime Safety & Security BIMCO
12.20 p.m.	Panel discussion Questions and answers
12.30 p.m.	Closing by Dr. Heike Deggim Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO