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To: IMO Member States and other Governments
United Nations and specialized agencies
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **IMO/INTERPORTPOLICE Symposium "Addressing law enforcement challenges in the maritime supply chain to improve facilitation of international maritime traffic" (16 March 2023)**

1 The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization and the Secretary-General of the International Organization of Airport and Seaport Police (INTERPORTPOLICE) have the honour to invite participation in the forthcoming IMO Symposium on "Addressing law enforcement challenges in the maritime supply chain to improve facilitation of international maritime traffic", scheduled to take place on Thursday, 16 March 2023, from 9:30 to 16:00 (UTC+1), at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR, as a side event during FAL 47.

2 The symposium will provide background information on a range of criminal activities related to ports and shipping, including corruption, fraudulent documentation and illegal wildlife trade; and will consider, through interactive discussions, ways to better address law enforcement challenges in the maritime supply chain, in order to improve facilitation of international maritime traffic.

3 Background documents for consideration include: *Guidance to implement and adopt procedures against maritime corruption* (FAL.5/Circ.48), *Measures to prevent the registration of "phantom" ships* (resolution A.923(22)), *Guidelines for the prevention and suppression of the smuggling of wildlife on ships engaged in international maritime traffic* (FAL.5/Circ.50) and INTERPORTPOLICE Community Security Best Practices including Port Security Management Systems and the SeeSayAct programme.

4 The Symposium will be conducted in English, without interpretation, and will also be streamed on the [IMO YouTube channel](#). Further details regarding the arrangements are set out in annex 1.

5 Registration is mandatory for active participation onsite and online and further details are set out in annex 2. Onsite participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation. Visa support letters can be provided upon request once registration has been completed.

6 More information, including a more detailed programme, will be made available in due course. In the meantime, falsec@imo.org can be contacted with any questions.

ANNEX 1

IMO/INTERPORTPOLICE SYMPOSIUM

**ADDRESSING LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES IN THE MARITIME SUPPLY CHAIN
TO IMPROVE FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC**

Date and time: 16 March 2023, 09:30 to 16.00 (UTC+1)

Objective: Providing background information on a range of criminal activities related to ports and shipping, including corruption, fraudulent documentation and illegal wildlife trade; and considering, through interactive discussions, ways to better address law enforcement challenges in the maritime supply chain, in order to improve facilitation of international maritime traffic.

Mode of conduct: Hybrid (in-person with remote participation enabled)

Venue: IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR

Tentative provisional programme:

Time	Presenter	Discussion
09:30 – 09:45	IMO/INTERPORTPOLICE	Welcome and introduction
09:45 – 10:15	IAPH	FAL in context – maritime single window update
10:15 – 11:00	INTERPORTPOLICE	Community security best practices
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:00	Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN)	Addressing maritime corruption
12:00 – 12:30	MACN and Marshall Islands	Panel discussion
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 15:00	TBC	Illegal wildlife trade update
15:00 – 15:30	IMB (ICC-CCS)	Addressing criminal activity in the supply chain
15:30 – 15:50	INTERPORTPOLICE	Conclusions, recommendations, way forward
15:30 – 16:00	IMO/INTERPORTPOLICE	Closing remarks
16:00	End	

ANNEX 2

REGISTRATION

Member Governments, UN Agencies, IGOs and NGOs are required to provide, prior to the meeting date, the names of all the members of their delegations attending the meeting via the Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS), as advised in Circular Letter No.4336 of 5 November 2020. This facilitates both their entry into the building and the production of the list of participants by the Secretariat.

Active participants are those registered as either physical (attending meetings at IMO Headquarters in person) or remote-active. They are authorized to take the floor and make interventions. Passive participants are those able to follow proceedings remotely via live streaming.

Remote-active participants will receive a personalized joining link via email before the session starts. The Zoom link is unique to the recipient and should not be shared with any other person. In-person participants should not join the Zoom meeting when physically present in the Main Hall or committee rooms, as this will have a detrimental impact the hybrid system and reduce the number of licences available for those joining remotely.

Remote-passive participants will automatically receive a link, once their registration is approved, to a web stream of the session (live streaming), which will be broadcast via the IMODOCS page.

Delegates wishing to change their participation status from in-person to remote-active or vice-versa must do so through their respective OMRS Delegation Coordinator in the OMRS. Subsequently, they will receive a joining link to the meeting.

For those delegates attending the meeting in person and who have completed the registration procedure, an electronic access card will be issued at IMO to pass through the security barrier in the IMO building.

Issue of the access card will require photographic proof of identity, e.g. passport, identity card or driving license. Delegates may also be required to show proof of identity at any time while they are in the Headquarters building, if requested by IMO Security.

Any matters relating to the use of the OMRS and participation in the forthcoming IMO/INTERPORTPOLICE Symposium "Addressing law enforcement challenges in the maritime supply chain to improve facilitation of international maritime traffic" should be communicated to:

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

Members of delegations will not be registered to attend the meeting without authorization from their OMRS Delegation Coordinator. Delegates whose names do not appear on the OMRS list will be requested to contact their OMRS Delegation Coordinator in order to process their authorization to attend the meeting.