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To: IMO Member States and other Governments  
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Subject: **Celebration of the IMO World Maritime Day Parallel Event in the Islamic Republic of Iran (23 to 26 October 2023)**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran have the honour to invite interested parties to join them in celebrating this year's World Maritime Day Parallel Event in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, details of which are provided in the annex.

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## ANNEX

### CELEBRATION OF THE IMO WORLD MARITIME DAY PARALLEL EVENT IN TEHRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (23 to 26 October 2023)

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has the honour to announce the celebration of the 2023 World Maritime Day Parallel Event (WMDPE) in Tehran, from 23 to 26 October 2023. The offer from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the event was accepted by the IMO Council at its 114th session, held in June/July 2015.

The event will consist of a symposium focusing on this year's World Maritime theme **"MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on"**, featuring prominent speakers who will offer insight into several relevant subjects, including GHG emissions from ships, global implementation of MARPOL 73/78 and regional cooperation and capacity-building. There will also be a number of accompanying cultural and recreational events for local and visiting guests. The full programme will be available in due course.

A separate high-level round-table discussion, at ministerial level, will also take place at the WMDPE, highlighting the above theme as well as other important issues, whose deliberations may be used as a platform to embrace new solutions and ideas within the world's maritime community. For queries in this regard, you may contact IMO at [ero@imo.org](mailto:ero@imo.org).

Information on the event, including registration, hotels and the various activities, will be available soon on the dedicated event's website at [www.worldmaritimedayiran.ir](http://www.worldmaritimedayiran.ir). Participants are invited to register in good time via the event's website. Queries about the event may be sent to both [worldmaritimedayiran@gmail.com](mailto:worldmaritimedayiran@gmail.com) and [wmdpeiran2023@gmail.com](mailto:wmdpeiran2023@gmail.com), with copy to:

- Mr. Mesbah Ansari, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in London: [m.ansari@mfa.gov.ir](mailto:m.ansari@mfa.gov.ir); and
- Mr. Ali Shafaei, Ports and Maritime Organization: [ashafaei@pmo.ir](mailto:ashafaei@pmo.ir).

The International Maritime Organization and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran are grateful for your attention to this circular letter and look forward to welcoming participants to the Parallel Event in Tehran.