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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of Ukraine**

The Government of Ukraine has sent the attached communication, dated 8 March 2024, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



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Your Excellency!

On behalf of the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, I have the honor to address you with the following.

From the very beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation has continuously taken measures aimed at impeding freedom of international navigation in the Black and Azov Seas and the Kerch Strait, in particular blocking sea routes in the sovereign waters of Ukraine and attacks on commercial ships and port infrastructure, which has a negative global impact on international maritime trade and seafarers.

The attack on February 27, 2024 on the ship “KURUOGLU-3” (IMO 8512047) under the flag of the Republic of Türkiye (shipowner – Kuruoglu Denizcilik), which was stranded in the port of Kherson for more than two years and loaded with nitrogen fertilizer, became another manifestation of terrorism by the Russian Federation.

As a result of the Russian missile attack, the vessel “KURUOGLU-3” was damaged on the starboard side, as a result of which it tilted and has a roll of about 15-20 degrees to the starboard side.

By this, the Russian Federation once again demonstrated to the whole world its indifference to the issues of merchant shipping.

We would be very grateful if the IMO Secretariat would distribute this letter to all Member States, Observer States, international organizations that have entered into



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cooperation agreements with the IMO, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the IMO, for their understanding of the actions of the Russian terrorist regime.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Attachment: photo materials of the vessel's shelling (3 pages).

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