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To: IMO Member States  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Illumination of the IMO building and other emblematic landmarks  
to mark World Maritime Day on Thursday, 25 September 2025**

The Secretary-General has the honour to announce that, as it has become customary since the initiative was launched in 2021, on the evening of **25 September 2025**, the IMO building and the Seafarer's memorial will be bathed in blue light to promote World Maritime Day.



This initiative to light up in blue colour IMO Headquarters and other emblematic landmarks around the world on World Maritime Day has become a symbol of the effort of the maritime community to raise awareness of the vital contribution of shipping to the world.

The Secretary-General would like, once again, to extend the invitation to IMO Member States, intergovernmental organizations in cooperation with IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO to join in the initiative by lighting up their most iconic buildings, bridges, maritime ports, ships, monuments, museums and other emblematic landmarks on the occasion of the 2025 World Maritime Day celebration.

In order to give visibility to this project and to promote the 2025 World Maritime Day theme, namely "**Our Ocean – Our Obligation – Our Opportunity**", social media participation is again encouraged via X (formerly Twitter) using the hashtag #WorldMaritimeDay. Photographs can also be sent to: [media@imo.org](mailto:media@imo.org) (a Flickr album dedicated to last year's illumination all over the world can be accessed [here](#)).