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To: All IMO Members  
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has sent the attached communication, dated 11 May 2026, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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*Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran*

*In the Name of the Almighty*

*Note*

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**The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in London presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization and has the honour to inform that the Ports and Maritime Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the exercise of its functions with regard to maritime safety, the protection of seafarers, the preservation of the seaworthiness of ships, the provision of port and maritime services, has arranged for masters and owners of commercial ships present in Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Sea of Oman to have access to general maritime services at Iranian ports, including provisions and fuel, as well as health and medical services and permitted repair-related supplies upon request and subject to applicable regulations, port capacities and maritime safety requirements.**

For this purpose, masters and owners of ships requiring such services may contact the Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) centre of the nearest Iranian port via VHF Channel 16, or communicate through their local representatives, in order to convey their requirements accordingly. This notification is being broadcast through the maritime communication centres of Iranian ports and the regional VHF communication systems three times daily for three consecutive days.

This measure has been adopted with a humanitarian, safety-oriented and technical objective, namely to support seafarers, promote maritime safety, safeguard the welfare of crews, and facilitate access by commercial ships, where needed, to the port and maritime services necessary for the preservation of safety and seaworthiness.

The Embassy wishes to emphasize that this communication is of a strictly humanitarian, safety-oriented and technical nature and is issued within the framework of the responsibilities of the coastal State with respect to maritime safety, support for commercial shipping, protection of the life and health of seafarers, and the provision of port and maritime services.

With a view to informing and reassuring the maritime community, including masters, shipowners, operators, shipping companies, flag States and other relevant stakeholders, the Embassy kindly requests the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization to circulate the present Note Verbale by means of an IMO Circular Letter to all Member



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States, Associate Members, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Organization.

**The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.**



**London, 11 May 2026**

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