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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, received on 6 December 2023, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



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Secretary-General of the International
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Mr. Kitack Lim

Dear Mr. Lim!

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

Since the beginning of the military full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation has consistently engaged in measures aimed at infringing the freedom of international navigation in the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait, including blocking maritime shipping routes in Ukraine's sovereign waters and attacking commercial ships and port infrastructure, which has had a negative global impact on international maritime trade and seafarers.

An attack against the vessel KMAX RULER (IMO 9436642) under the flag of Liberia (ship owner – Universal Shipping Alliance) on November 8, 2023, which followed the temporary recommended route introduced by Ukraine, is another manifestation of terrorism by the Russian Federation. The Russian attack against the said vessel, which was going to load 90,000 tons of iron ore concentrate, took place in the territorial waters of Ukraine, at the very moment of its entry into the Pivdennyi seaport.

The vessel KMAX RULER, whose crew consisted of citizens of the Philippines, was hit by a missile fired from a tactical military aircraft of the Russian Federation. As a result, three crew members were injured, and the sea pilot accompanying the vessel was killed. One employee of the Pivdennyi seaport was also injured. The ship's superstructure was damaged (captain's cabin, navigation equipment,



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antennas, radars, running lights, all windows on the navigation bridge were broken).

With this, the Russian Federation once again demonstrated to the whole world its indifference to human life, not only of the Ukrainian people, but also of citizens of other countries.

We would appreciate it if the IMO Secretariat circulates this letter among all Member States, observer states, international organizations that have concluded agreements of cooperation with the IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the IMO for their understanding of Russian terrorist actions.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to You, Mr. Lim, the assurances of my highest consideration and express hope for further fruitful cooperation.

Attachment: photographic materials of the vessel's shelling

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NO SMOKING
HAZARDOUS LIGHTS

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