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To: All IMO Members  
United Nations and specialized agencies  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status  
Liberation movements

Subject: **Resumption of in-person meetings**

1 The Circular Letter 4213 series has been used throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to inform regarding the postponement and resumption of IMO meetings. The purpose of this circular letter is to announce the resumption of in-person meetings at the IMO Headquarters building.

2 At its thirty-fourth extraordinary session in November 2021, the Secretary-General informed the Council that he would continue to review developments in the Host Country and globally in order to trigger the 90-day notification so that in-person meetings could resume (C/ES.34/D, paragraph 19.3).

3 Taking into account the current situation regarding travel restrictions related to COVID-19, this circular letter announces that the Secretary-General has decided to trigger the 90-day notice period for the resumption of in-person meetings at IMO Headquarters, effective from 14 September 2022. Consequently, from the eighth session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 8), all sessions will be held in person at IMO Headquarters (14 to 23 September 2022).\*

4 The programme of IMO meetings has been updated accordingly and document PROG/130/Rev.1 (1 June 2022) reflects these changes.

5 Whether hybrid infrastructure would be used to supplement in-person meetings will be considered at the 127th session of the IMO Council and relevant outcomes will be informed later, as appropriate.

6 Should the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic change or restrictions be put in place by the host Government that would impact the conduct of in-person meetings or impede a significant number of Member States from travelling to or from the United Kingdom, the Secretary-General may be required to notify of the resumption of remote meetings. At its thirty-fourth extraordinary session, the Council authorized the Secretary-General to revert to remote meetings should circumstances so require, subject to later endorsement by the Council (C/ES.34/D, paragraph 19.3.1).

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\* As of the date of this circular letter, in-person meetings will be held for the plenary sessions of each meeting. Meeting modalities for subsidiary bodies, e.g. working and drafting groups, will be announced separately for each meeting. For CCC 8, plenary sessions will be held in person and its subsidiary bodies will be held remotely.