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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has sent the attached communication, dated 1 September 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



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The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization (IMO); and in light of the Egyptian authorities' adopted-measures to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic consequences; and in compliance with the IMO and other international organizations instructions, protocols and guidelines to sustain global supply chains and ensure safe crew changes and repatriation;

The Embassy has the honour to enclose herewith a letter addressed to the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization, *dated 30 August 2020*, from the President of the Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector, which outlines the new procedures adopted by the Egyptian Health Ministry from 01/09/2020 to facilitate changing and repatriation of crews in the Egyptian ports.

The Embassy has further the honour to request the IMO Secretariat to circulate the aforementioned letter among the Organization's member states, and publish those procedures on the Organization's website as part of Egypt's ongoing effort to combat the pandemic.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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HE. Mr. Kitak Lim,
Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization.

Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) –Measures taken by the Egyptian Ministry of Health on preventive quarantine measures to combat Coronavirus in relation with crew changing and repatriation in the Egyptian ports.

Excellency,

Within our efforts to alleviate the repercussions of COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the IMO and other international Organizations' instructions, protocols and guidelines to sustain the global chain of supplies and ensure safe crew changes and repatriation, we have the honor to inform you of the new procedures taken by the concerned Egyptian Health Authority to facilitate the changing and repatriation of crews in the Egyptian ports.

The following procedures shall come into force as of 1/9/2020:

- 1- All seafarers and crews of ships shall be prohibited from entering the Arab Republic of Egypt without having a PCR certificate for the detection of the Coronavirus with a negative result 48 hours before reaching the Egyptian territories, or a PCR test is performed before disembarking at the ports of arrival in the Arab Republic of Egypt. Medical swabs shall be taken by the Egyptian quarantine or under its supervision. Seafarers shall not be allowed to disembark until the results are negative. Those with positive PCR results shall not leave the ship.
- 2- Shipping agencies shall submit lists of the names, nationalities, and numbers of seafarers and crews required to disembark at the Egyptian ports at least 48 hours before arrival of the ship.
- 3- The submitted PCR certificate shall be accepted according to the following conditions:
 - The date and hour in which the PCR test is performed must be mentioned clearly.
 - Issued and sealed by an official laboratory without abrasion, writing off or adding.
 - The type of sample and the type of analysis are mentioned (RT-PCR).

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4- In case of violation of the abovementioned procedures, the necessary legal measures shall be taken against the concerned airline companies or shipping agencies.

Therefore, we kindly request the IMO Secretariat to circulate the abovementioned information among Member States.

The Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector avails itself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,

 30-8-2020

R. Adm. Reda Ahmed Ismail
President, Maritime Transport Sector.