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Circular Letter No.4240/Add.5  
6 January 2021

To: All IMO Members  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

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 5 January 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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# MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

## MARITIME TRANSPORT SECTOR

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## قطاع النقل البحري

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

Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Designation of seafarers as key workers by the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Excellency,

Within our efforts to alleviate the repercussions of COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the IMO and other concerned international Organizations' instructions, protocols and guidelines to sustain the global chain of supplies and ensure safe crew changes and repatriation, the Maritime Transport Sector, Egypt, would like to express its appreciation to the IMO and notify your esteemed Organization that the Arab Republic of Egypt designates Seafarers as key workers.

We would like to reiterate that we have taken all necessary measures to mitigate the consequences of the pandemic on the maritime sector and to facilitate the safe repatriation of seafarers. All the said procedures were published on the IMO website in five communications by the government of Egypt:

1. Circular Letter No.4240
2. Circular Letter No.4240/Add.1
3. Circular Letter No.4240/Add.2
4. Circular Letter No.4320
5. Circular Letter No. CL.4240/Add.3

Therefore, we kindly request the IMO Secretariat to circulate the abovementioned notification among Member States and to add EGYPT to the list of countries that have designated seafarers as Key Workers.

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

Sincerely,

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