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Circular Letter No.4276/Add.1
22 December 2020

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

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Lebanese Republic**

The Government of the Lebanese Republic has sent the attached communication, dated 21 December 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
Ministry of Public Works & Transport
Directorate General of
Land & Maritime Transport



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Date: 21st December 2020

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International Maritime Organisation
Att.: Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary- General
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SE1 7SR London
United Kingdom

Subject: Seafarers are key workers – Principles of crew change in Lebanese ports.

Your Excellency,

The Lebanese Ministry of Public Works and Transport, the Directorate General of Land and Maritime Transport would like to express its appreciation for the IMO's commitment and dedication of the rapid response to fight the Covid-19 and its affects in the world maritime sector.

In the light of the ongoing crew change crisis, besides the IMO's Circular Letter No. 4204/Add. 35 dated 14 December 2020 referring in particular to the provisions of:

1. MSC. Resolution 473 (ES.2),
2. Resolution A/75/L.37, and the ILO
3. GB. 340/Resolution (Rev.2).

And as our responses to the pandemic is constantly evolving, the Lebanese Maritime Administration, by taking into account the principles and guidelines issued by IMO and ILO, has taken arrangements as flag state and as port state to facilitate crew changes and access to medical care which allows seafarers to travel, to be in transit to join or to return back home .

We kindly request if this communication could be circulated to the members states and to add LEBANON to the list of countries that have designated seafarers as Key Workers.

Please accept Excellency the assurances of our highest considerations.

Dr. Ahmad TAMER
Director General of Land and Maritime Transport

