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To: All IMO Members
Intergovernmental organizations
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Italy**

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

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*Ministry of the Environment and of the
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR THE SEA
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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

HE Mr. Kitack Lim
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Subject: Measures arising from the covid-19 emergency regarding certificates relating to the international conventions (MARPOL 73/78, Ballast Water Management Convention, Antifouling Systems Convention).

Excellency,

Based on the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, with particular reference to the notes concerning the MARPOL certifications issued in application of Annexes I, II, IV and VI, Ballast Water Management and Antifouling System, the authorities listed below have been authorised, on an exceptional basis, to carry out remote annual and intermediate surveys, in order to issue a provisional certificate with a validity of 6 months. In all cases, the full survey will then have to be carried out in port at the next opportunity.

To this end, the procedures laid down by the Italian Coast Guard Headquarters - non-standard circular 32/2020 (ref. 90316 of 18/08/2020) - also apply to the specified certificates.

The authorities listed below are invited to take note of the above information, including within the framework of their respective procedures and in the instructions disseminated to their appointed inspectors.

The Italian Maritime Environmental Department is kindly requested to transmit this information to all the Italian Maritime Compartments for maximum dissemination to the relevant local offices.

In view of the above, the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization is kindly requested to circulate the above information to the other member states and interested parties.

Italy avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

(signed)

Giuseppe Italiano

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