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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 15 October 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 Organisation - the Secretary General – and has the honour to enclose herewith a letter directed to the Secretary General from the Head of the Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector in regard to the measures taken by the Egyptian Ministry of Civil Aviation in response to Covid 19 Pandemic to eliminate obstacles to crew changes.

In this regard, the Embassy would highly appreciate circulating the enclosed letter among the member states of the organisation.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organisation – the Secretary General - the assurance 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 Civil Aviation to eliminate obstacles to crew changes.

Excellency,

In response to IMO Joint Statement on effective and swift action to eliminate obstacles to crew changes, so as to address the humanitarian crisis faced by shipping sector, ensure maritime safety and facilitate economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we have the honor to inform you of measures taken by the Egyptian Ministry of Civil Aviation to facilitate the changing and repatriation of crews:

- 1- The Egyptian airspace has been opened to air traffic as of 1 July 2020 after the approval of the operating parameters related to the Coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent provision of flights that seafarers can travel through without restrictions.
- 2- All exceptional flights are available to the call center and sales offices of Egypt Air. Flights scheduled for sale are also available on Egypt Air website as of 1 July, 2020.

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,



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