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To: All IMO Members
Intergovernmental organizations
Parties to the MARPOL Convention which are not Members of IMO

Subject: **Call for Nominations of Participants in the second round of the Sustainable Maritime Transport Training Programme to support the implementation of the IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (GHG-SMART)**

Introduction

1 The Sustainable Maritime Transport Training Programme (GHG-SMART), funded by the Republic of Korea and launched on 28 October 2020, aims to support the implementation of the IMO GHG Strategy by initiating capacity-building activities for least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) through a series of training courses and industry visits, with the purpose of building sufficient human capacity in these countries. This includes the development of a comprehensive training programme and post-training monitoring, evaluation and refinement. LDCs and SIDS are significantly impacted by climate change and are economically reliant on their maritime transport, and this makes the GHG SMART training programme quite relevant to them.

2 The 2022 GHG SMART Core Training was held online from 22 to 24 January 2022, and this was followed by a number of subsequent online engagement webinars. Subsequently, the 2022 GHG SMART Practical Training and Study Visit was held from 19 to 23 September 2022 in Busan, Republic of Korea. The joint programme between IMO and the Korean Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) provided a series of training courses and field visits to the trainees throughout the schedule.

3 Following the successful outcome of the 2022 Practical Training and Study Visit, the next session of the one-year Training Programme will be held in 2023, and will include fundamental knowledge as well as practical exercises and case studies on important topics, for example:

1. How to develop a National Action Plan (NAP) for maritime decarbonization for a typical SIDS or LDCs.
2. How to raise financing for maritime decarbonization projects for SIDS and LDCs.
3. How to develop national roadmaps for marine fuel transition, ship technology transition and port development transition in line with the IMO GHG Strategy aspirations.

4. The design of the GHG SMART Training Programme is based on a comprehensive Training Needs Assessment study that involved significant consultations with stakeholders. The training programme design is a novel one within the context and involves the long-term engagement of trainees based on Continuous Professional Development (CPD) principles. As part of the CPD nature of GHG SMART, each trainee will have his/her TSTP (Trainee Structured Training Plan) which will include all activities that the trainee will undertake for their long-term development, in a tailor-made manner, following specific trainee needs and priorities. The in-class Core Training part of GHG SMART constitutes six training modules. The industrial visits by trainees in Republic of Korea is an important part of the GHG SMART Programme.

Invitation to submit nominations

4 IMO Member States that are LDCs or SIDS in line with the official United Nations List of LDCs and SIDS are invited to submit nominations of the participants selected to take part in the 2023 Training Programme.

The Programme is conducted solely in English. The nominated trainees must be proficient in the English language and have good understanding of maritime, including GHG issues, work in this field within their Governments.

5 Following the nomination of a person to undertake the programme, the selected trainee must sign a declaration to confirm that he/she adheres to the IMO/United Nations Principles, including the zero-tolerance policy towards sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse and violation of human rights. Any misconduct by the trainee, which will be considered a breach of the above-mentioned declaration, will be considered solely the responsibility of the trainee and his/her Government.

6 LDCs and SIDS are strongly encouraged to participate. In particular, participation from those countries that have not taken part in the 2022 Practical Training and Study Visit is highly recommended. Each country should nominate up to two (2) participants (in case of two nominations, one candidate must be female, as overall nomination of female candidates is encouraged in order to support gender equality and progress on SDG5 implementation in maritime).

7 Member States are encouraged to inform the Secretariat of their intention to participate. Nominations of participants, **by email**, should be addressed to:

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The closing date for this Call for Nominations of Participants is **Tuesday, 10 January 2023**. Member States and Associate Members are invited to submit their documentation as soon as possible.