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Circular Letter No.4226/Add.1
16 April 2020

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

Subject: **Communication from the Government of Canada**

The Government of Canada has sent the attached communication, dated 16 April 2020, with the request that it is circulated by the Organization.



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16 April 2020

Mr. Kitack Lim
Secretary General
International Maritime Organization
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Dear Secretary General:

Re: Update on Canadian Measures to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

I write to update you on the measures taken by Canada to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in the maritime sector. To date we have issued guidance and imposed temporary measures relating to seafarers' certificates, facilitation (including crew changes and shore leave), and passenger vessels (including cruise ships and ferries).

As our response to the pandemic is constantly evolving, Transport Canada's Marine Safety and Security branch has created a webpage which provides consolidated and up to date information about the various measures that Canada has taken. The webpage can be found at: <https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-tc.html>.

I would appreciate it if you could circulate this information to IMO members, Intergovernmental organizations and Non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janice Charette'.

Janice Charette
High Commissioner and Permanent
Representative of Canada to the IMO