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FROM : London PE  
RE : Philippine re-elected to IMO Council C  
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The Embassy is pleased to report that the Philippines was re-elected today to the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under Category C for the biennium 2018-2019.

The election for the members of the IMO Council was held during the 30<sup>th</sup> session of the IMO Assembly being held from 27 November to 06 December 2017 at the IMO Headquarters in London.

The members of the Philippine Delegation to A30 are, among others, Amb. Antonio M. Lagdameo, UNIO Assistant Secretary Bayani Mercado, MOAO Assistant Secretary Lourdes Yparraguirre, MARINA Administrator Dr. Marcial Q.C. Amaro, III, Ph.D.; Undersecretary Marah Victoria Querol, Chief of Staff, and Undersecretary Kim Raisa Uy, Office of the Executive Secretary, based on the Letter of Credentials issued by Acting Secretary Jose Luis Montales as transmitted to the Post in fax UK-597-MOAO-2017 of 16 November 2017.

The Philippines placed number 13 in the list of 24 candidates for Category C. The IMO Council is composed of 10 Member States for Category A, 10 Member States for Category B and 20 Member States under Category C. There were 159 valid votes cast for the election under Category C. Following are the results of the elections for the three categories:

**Category A: votes cast – 161, valid votes – 160, invalid votes - 1, required majority 81,**

1. China – 155;
2. Japan - 155;
3. Italy – 152;
4. Panama – 152;
5. Greece -151;
6. Republic of Korea – 148;
7. Russian Federation – 147;
8. United Kingdom – 144;
9. Norway – 143;
10. USA – 143.

**Category B: votes cast - 162, valid votes 162, required majority 82,**

1. Germany – 146;
2. India – 144;
3. Australia - 143;
4. France – 140;
5. Canada – 138;
6. Spain – 137;
7. Brazil – 131;
8. Sweden – 129;
9. Netherlands – 120;
10. United Arab Emirates – 115;

**Not elected to Category B:**

11. Argentina - 113
12. Bangladesh – 84.

**Category C: votes cast - 160, valid votes - 159, invalid vote - 1, require majority 81,**

1. Singapore - 142;
2. Turkey – 138;
3. Cyprus - 136;
4. Malta - 136;
5. Morocco – 134;
6. Egypt - 133;
7. Mexico – 133;
8. Indonesia - 132;
9. Malaysia – 131;
10. Peru - 129;
11. Belgium – 128;
12. Chile – 126;
13. Philippines – 124;
14. Denmark – 123;
15. South Africa – 121;
16. Jamaica – 120;
17. Kenya - 120;
18. Thailand – 120;
19. Liberia - 116;
20. Bahamas – 110;

**Not elected to Category C:**

21. Saudi Arabia – 105;
22. Antigua Barbuda -103
23. Nigeria – 98;
24. Algeria -94.

London PE transmits the attached press release on the re-election of the Philippines to the IMO Council, for uploading in the DFA website. Also attached, but not for publication, is the Philippine candidature statement delivered by Administrator Amaro.

This press release will also be uploaded in the embassy website.

For the information and appropriate action of OSEC.



**ANTONIO M. LAGDAMEO**  
Ambassador

Attachments: as stated.

**01 DECEMBER 2017 Delivered by the Honorable MARINA Administrator  
Marcial Quirico C. Amaro III, PhD**

Mr. President, Mr. Secretary General, Excellencies, fellow delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

We thank you for giving this humble representation an opportunity to present Philippine Candidature to the IMO Council under Category C.

The Philippines is an archipelagic country with a long and storied history of involvement in maritime affairs. Our candidature to the council is predicated on three very simple concepts:

1. Our candidature is a testament of our commitment to WORK with the IMO and all of you, the member states, in achieving the goals of making safer ships that traverse secure and cleaner oceans and preserve the sustainability of the fragile marine environment.
2. Our candidature to the Council is founded on a desire to serve, in the same manner that our seafarers have continued to serve and man ships all over the world, and in an equal manner that the Philippines has served as the fourth largest shipbuilding nation.
3. Our candidature seeks to lend our expertise and support in achieving UN Goals—the millennium development goals and now the new 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, not just on reducing the impacts of climate change and the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources, but more importantly in achieving the other goals of gender equality and partnering with institutions and engaging with others in achieving all the UN goals.

With these, Mr. President, Excellencies, Fellow Delegates, we seek the kind support of all member states in the Philippine Candidature to the IMO Council C as we stand ready and committed to work with the Organization for the next biennium.

Thank you.

## PHILIPPINES RE-ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION UNDER CATEGORY C, SEEN AS AN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR PHILIPPINE ADVOCACY IN IMO ON SAFETY AND WELFARE OF SEAFARERS



MARINA Administrator. Marcial Amaro III, Ph.D. delivers the Philippine candidature statement at A30. Seated beside Adm. Amaro is PermRep Gilberto Asuque with UNIO Assistant Secretary Bayani Mercado and MOAO Assistant Secretary Lourdes Yparraguirre seated behind them, all members of the Philippine Delegation to A30. Amb. Rolando Drago of Chile, A30 President; IMO Secretary General Kitach Lim and the secretariat listen to the statement.

01 December 2017, London - The Philippines was re-elected to the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under Category C at elections held on Friday during the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the IMO Assembly (A30), 27 November to 06 December 2017, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

The Philippines placed number 13 in the 20 seat Category C representing the IMO Member States which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation. There were 24 candidates for the 20-seat Category C.

Permanent Representative to IMO, Gilberto Asuque, member of the Philippine Delegation to A30, stated that: "The election of the Philippines in the Council could be seen as global support for its work in the IMO towards promoting the interest, safety and welfare of seafarers through safer ships. The Philippine is a major source-country of seafarers for the global maritime fleet providing some 30% of the total manpower complement of commercial ships on international routes. Our advocacy for seafarers has been the fundament purpose for Philippine participation in the work of the IMO pursuant to the foreign policy of promoting the interest of the overseas Filipino workers."

In the statement delivered at A30 before the elections, Dr. Marcial Q.C. Amaro III, Ph.D, Administrator of the Maritime Industry Authority and member of the Philippine Delegation to A30, said the Philippine candidature to the Council is predicated on three very simple concepts:

"1. Our candidature is a testament of our commitment to WORK with the IMO and all of you, the Member States, in achieving the goals of making safer ships that traverse secure and cleaner oceans and preserve the sustainability of the fragile marine environment.

"2. Our candidature to the Council is founded on a desire to serve, in the same manner that our seafarers have continued to serve and man ships all over the world, and in an equal manner that the Philippines has served as the fourth largest shipbuilding nation.

"3. Our candidature seeks to lend our expertise and support in achieving UN Goals—the millennium development goals and now the new 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, not just on reducing the impacts of climate change and the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources, but more importantly in achieving the other goals of gender equality and partnering with institutions and engaging with others in achieving all the UN goals."

The Council is the Executive Organ of IMO and is responsible, under the Assembly, for supervising the work of the Organization. Between sessions of the Assembly the Council performs all the functions of the Assembly, except the function of making recommendations to Governments on maritime safety and pollution prevention which is reserved for the Assembly by Article 15(j) of the Convention.

Among the other functions of the Council are to consider the draft work program and budget estimates of the Organization for submission to the Assembly; receive reports and proposals of the Committees and other organs for submission to the Assembly and Member States, with comments and recommendations; and appoint the Secretary-General, subject to the approval of the Assembly.

The elected members of the Council for the 2018-2019 biennium are:

Category (a): 10 States with the largest interest in providing international shipping services: *China, Greece, Italy, Japan, Norway, Panama, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States.*

Category (b): 10 other States with the largest interest in international seaborne trade: *Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates.*

Category (c): 20 States not elected under (a) or (b) above which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation, and whose election to the Council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world: *Bahamas, Belgium, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey.*