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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of Ukraine**

The Government of Ukraine has sent the attached communication, dated 1 March 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



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The Embassy of Ukraine in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organisation and has the honour to inform of the following.

Given the full-scale armed aggression of the Russian Federation of Ukraine, the shellings of cities and civilian infrastructure, including commercial ports. Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry recognized this situation as force majeure by the letter No. 2024/02.0-7.1 dated on 28 of February 2022.

Thus, attendance of statutory surveys has become increasingly difficult. In view of these exceptional circumstances, in cases where surveyors, auditors, and/or inspectors are not able to undertake scheduled surveys, audits and inspections due to logistics, the State Service for Maritime and River Transport of Ukraine will consider requests for extension/postponement under force majeure or unforeseen exceptional circumstances, on a case by case basis.

The Embassy of Ukraine would appreciate if this Note Verbal is urgently circulated among IMO Member States to all IMO Member States, international organizations which have concluded agreements of cooperation with the IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the IMO.

The Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organisation the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 1 March 2022



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