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Circular Letter No.4545
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To: IMO Members

Subject: **2021 amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization**

1 The Secretary-General has the honour to refer to the amendments to Articles 16, 17, 18, 19(b) and 81 of the IMO Convention adopted on 8 December 2021 by the Assembly at its thirty-second session, by resolution [A.1152\(32\)](#).

2 Pursuant to Article 72 of the IMO Convention, on 7 February 2022, the amendments were circulated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Members of the Organization for acceptance ([C.N.46.2022](#)).

3 Pursuant to Article 73 of the IMO Convention, an instrument of acceptance of the amendments shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of IMO, for deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General of IMO will notify Members of the receipt of any such instrument and of the date when the amendment enters into force.

4 The Secretary-General also refers to Assembly resolution [A.1172\(32\)](#), which, among other things:

- .1 urges the Members of the Organization to accept these amendments as soon as possible, with the goal of entry into force of these amendments by 2025;
- .2 invites the Secretary-General to provide any assistance needed with respect to the acceptance of the amendments to those Members who request it; and
- .3 also invites the Secretary-General to actively promote acceptance of the amendments to Members.

5 To these ends, and to assist Members in the early acceptance of the amendments, the annex to this circular letter contains a model instrument of acceptance of the amendments. The Secretary-General stands ready to provide any further assistance to Members who request it and encourages Members to accept the amendments at their earliest convenience.

ANNEX

[To be communicated to the Secretary-General of IMO, London for deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, pursuant to Article 73 of the IMO Convention]

INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS amendments to Articles 16, 17, 18, 19(b) and 81 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization were adopted at London on 8 December 2021 by the thirty-second regular session of the Assembly through resolution A.1152(32);

AND WHEREAS [name of State], being a State entitled to accept the said amendments by virtue of Article 73 of the IMO Convention,

NOW THEREFORE the Government of [name of State], having considered the said amendments, hereby formally declares its acceptance of the said amendments to Articles 16, 17, 18, 19(b) and 81 of the IMO Convention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I,
[President] [Prime Minister] Minister for Foreign Affairs] of have signed this Instrument of Acceptance.

DONE at, this..... day of two thousand and

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(Signature)

[President] [Prime Minister]
[Minister for Foreign Affairs]