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

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Democratic Republic of  
Sao Tome and Principe**

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe sent the attached communication, dated 8 September 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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INSTITUTO MARÍTIMO E PORTUÁRIO DE SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE (IMAP-STP)

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Mr. Kitack Lim  
The Secretary-General  
International Maritime Organization  
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**Subject: Introduction of Sao Tome and Principe International Flag Registry Representative**

Excellency,

The Director General of the Maritime and Port Institute of Sao Tome and Principe (IMAP-STP) avails himself this opportunity to present his compliments to Your Excellency, Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.

It is always my honour to write to you, as the Director General of the Maritime and Port Institute of Sao Tome and Principe (IMAP-STP), and as Sao Tome Principe's Focal Point to IMO, which I would like to take the advantage to inform you the following important matters:

Sao Tome and Principe has been working hard to fight against vessels carrying our Flag illegally and fraudulently worldwide. Those unlawful vessels have undermined the good name of Sao Tome and Principe in the maritime community, as recently the number of these fraudulently actions have increased drastically causing great concern to this Administration

With the aim to cutter down and eliminate these acts, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, therefore, decided through the Ministry of Infrastructure and Natural Resources, to authorize the Maritime and Port Institute of Sao Tome and Principe (IMAP-STP) to delegate the authority to Sao Tome and Principe International Registry ([www.stpregistry.com](http://www.stpregistry.com)), hereinafter referred to as STPIR, headquartered at 67 Franklin Roosevelt Avenue, Lima Carna Building, 3011 Limassol, Cyprus; the goal of which is to register ships and issue certificates of international registry and seafarers on behalf of the Maritime Administration of Sao Tome and Principe, as well as to operate and manage any matters, activities and functions related thereto in accordance with national legislation of Sao Tome and Principe, namely the Maritime Act of Sao Tome and Principe.



The Agreement referred above to, sets forth the terms and conditions under which the STPIR shall manage and operate the International Ship Registry of Sao Tome and Principe on behalf of the IMAP-STP, so as to allow ship owners worldwide to register merchant ships, recreational craft, fishing vessels and floating offshore structures under the Flag of Sao Tome and Principe.

The Maritime and Port Institute of Sao Tome and Principe has the honour of further informing you that this agreement was signed and came into force in accordance with the guidelines and powers assigned to us by the Resolution No. 52/2021 of the Council of Ministers of September 9th, 2021, and Minister's Order No.6/ 2021 of September 17th, 2021.

The Director General of the Maritime and Port Institute of Sao Tome and Principe (IMAP-STP), avails himself this opportunity to reiterate his compliments to Your Excellency, Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.

With warmest greetings, please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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