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

The Government of Ukraine has sent the attached communication, received on 22 December 2023, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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Excellency!

On behalf of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine, I present my compliments to you and have the honour to communicate the following.

On 15 December 2023, the Order of the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine dated 05 September 2023 No. 784, registered at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 02 November 2023 under No. 1909/40965 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Order'), was brought into effect, regulating the procedure for certification of ratings of seagoing ships.

As per the provisions of the Order, qualification documents of the ratings of seagoing ships have to be issued solely by the Shipping Administration. The specimens of the respective qualification documents were approved by the Order of the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine dated 23 June 2023 No. 535, registered at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 10 August 2023 under No. 1367/40423.

Concurrently, in accordance with the Order of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine dated 28 April 2022 No. 113, the activity of the Inspectorate for Training and Certification of Seafarers was terminated.

It should be also emphasized that the Government of Ukraine has established the relevant procedures for obtaining seafarers' qualification documents remotely.

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In view of the above-mentioned, the qualification documents, in particular, those confirming the maintenance of professional competence, may be obtained either through an application of a seafarer's representative or the Dija Portal under the provisions of the Regulations on the Ranks of Officers of Seagoing Ships and the Procedure for their Assignment, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 30 December 2022 No. 1499.

In addition, the validity of documents issued by the Shipping Administration without a QR code can be verified via the following web portal: <https://vrf.marad.gov.ua/check-document?lang=en>.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency and the International Maritime Organization the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and strokes, positioned over the signature line.

Yevhenii IHNATENKO