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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 29 March 2023, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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The Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization and, acting upon the instruction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, has the honour to confirm the position of the Government of Ukraine concerning the situation with the foreign flagged vessels blocked in Ukrainian ports since 24 February 2022, when the Russian Federation launched the full-scale armed invasion of Ukraine, as it was outlined in official letters of the Ministry of infrastructure of Ukraine Nos.8515/46/10-22 of 30.11.2023, 6265/46/14-22 of 02.12.2023 and 1219/46/14-23 of 20.02.2023.

In particular, the Ukrainian Side wishes to reiterate its unconditional support for the safe departure of the above vessels once the security situation permits so and the Russian Federation provides explicit not-attack guarantees to ensure the safety of merchant ships and their crews, which remains a priority for Ukraine. The Ukrainian Side stands ready to closely cooperate with concerned parties with a view of reaching a respective agreement under the auspices of the IMO.

The Ukrainian Side kindly asks the IMO Secretariat to disseminate this Note verbale among IMO Member States, international organizations that have concluded agreements of cooperation with the IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the IMO.

The Embassy of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IMO Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, *29* March 2023

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