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**CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE
OVERSEAS SHIPPING SECTOR**
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MARINA DIRECTORS AND PERSONNEL,

DISTINGUISHED STAKEHOLDERS OF THE OVERSEAS SHIPPING SECTOR,

A PLEASANT MORNING TO ALL OF YOU.

IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THIS CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH OUR ESTEEMED PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE OVERSEAS SHIPPING SECTOR. YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION TODAY SIGNIFIES THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION AND DIALOGUE IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES IN THE SECTOR. THIS EFFORT UNDERSCORES THE VITAL ROLE EACH OF YOU PLAYS IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR INDUSTRY.

AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY, WE FACE AN INIMITABLE MOMENT IN OUR TIME DUE TO THE RAPID TRANSFORMATION IN THE GLOBAL SHIPPING LANDSCAPE, WHICH ARE DRIVEN BY FACTORS SUCH AS TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS, AND EVER-CHANGING

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CONSUMER DEMANDS. THESE SHIFTS POSES BOTH CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT REQUIRE OUR COLLECTIVE ATTENTION AND ACTION.

ONE OF THE KEY CHALLENGES WE FACE IS THE PRESSING NEED FOR SUSTAINABILITY. AS OUR INDUSTRY DEALS WITH ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO EXPLORE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT BALANCE ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY. INITIATIVES SUCH AS REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS, INVESTING IN GREENER TECHNOLOGIES, AND OPTIMIZING SUPPLY CHAINS ARE ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO MEET GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY GOALS.

IN ADDITION TO SUSTAINABILITY, WE MUST ALSO ADDRESS THE ONGOING DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS, ECONOMIC FLUCTUATIONS, AND THE LINGERING EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC. THESE FACTORS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESILIENCE IN OUR OPERATIONS. BY SHARING BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED, WE CAN BETTER EQUIP OURSELVES TO NAVIGATE THESE UNCERTAINTIES AND ENSURE THE CONTINUED FLOW OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

TODAY, WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THESE PRESSING ISSUES. I ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES. YOUR PERSPECTIVES



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ARE INVALUABLE, AND TOGETHER WE CAN IDENTIFY ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES THROUGH AGENDA SETTING AND PRIORITIZATION. THIS ENDEAVOR WILL HELP US DEVELOP SOUND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL NOT ONLY STRENGTHEN OUR SECTOR BUT ALSO ENHANCE OUR GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS.

THIS MEETING IS NOT JUST ABOUT ADDRESSING CURRENT CHALLENGES; IT'S ABOUT ENVISIONING THE FUTURE OF OUR INDUSTRY. AS WE COLLABORATE, LET US KEEP IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF FORGING PARTNERSHIPS THAT EXTEND BEYOND TODAY. BY BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN OUR SECTOR, WE CAN CREATE A NETWORK OF SUPPORT THAT FOSTERS INNOVATION AND DRIVES PROGRESS.

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. YOUR EXPERIENCE, EXPERTISE AND DEDICATION ARE WHAT WILL MAKE THIS MEETING SUCCESSFUL. LET'S SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE OPENLY, LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER WITH RESPECT AND OPEN-MIND IN ORDER TO WORK TOWARDS COMMON GOALS.

ONCE AGAIN, GOOD MORNING.

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