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

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has sent the attached communication, dated 29 July 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in London presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization – the Secretary General - and has the honour to enclose herewith a letter directed to the Secretary General from the head of the Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector in regard to the measures taken by the government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in responding to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

The relevant authorities in Egypt have extended the validity of the Certificates of Compliance (COCs) of seafarers for three months as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020; in addition to extending the Certificates of Provinces (COPs), medical certificates, short mandatory courses, Seaman's Discharge Book.

In this regard, the Embassy would highly appreciate circulating the enclosed letter among the member states of the organization.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organization – the Secretary General - the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**HE. Mr. Kitak Lim,  
Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization**

**Subject: Measures taken by Arab Republic of Egypt to Extend the Validity of Certificates during COVID-19.**

Excellency,

Within our efforts to alleviate the repercussions of COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the IMO and other international Organizations instructions and guidelines to sustain the global chain of supplies and ensure safe crew changes and repatriation, the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety extended the validity of the Certificates of compliance (COCs) of seafarers for three months as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. Certificates of proficiency (COPs), medical certificates, short mandatory courses, Seaman's Discharge Book are extended as well.

We also like to assure you that ship masters, ship-owners and shipping companies and agencies in Egypt take all precautionary measures to minimize the impact of the pandemic on the maritime sector and to protect seafarers' health on board and expedite their disembarkation to receive medical care and treatment for suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Therefore, we kindly request the IMO Secretariat to circulate the above mentioned information among Member States.

The Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector avails itself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,

**R. Adm. Reda Ahmed Ismail  
President, Maritime Transport Sector.**