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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 24 March 2020, with the request that it is circulated by the Organization.

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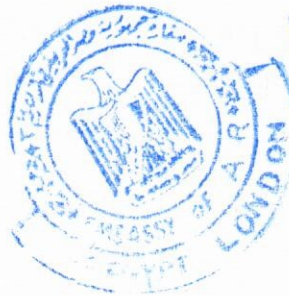
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24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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 Maritime Transport Sector in regard to the measures taken by the government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

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. Kitack Lim  
Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization

Subject: Measures to address Covid-19 pandemic

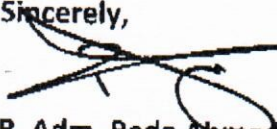
*Excellency,*

Recognizing the need to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and alleviate the current situation, the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety extended the validity of the Certificates of Competency (CoC) of seafarers for three months and Port state Control will disregard the expired certificates and allow seafarers to travel until further notice.

Therefore, we would like to 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,

 29-3-2020

R. Adm. Reda Ahmed Ismail  
Head of Maritime Transport Sector