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To: All IMO Members

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Subject: Communication from the Government of Georgia

The Government of Georgia has sent the attached communication, dated 22 January 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



საქართველოს ეკონომიკისა და მდგრადი განვითარების სამინისტრო **ANNEX**



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MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF GEORGIA

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To: H.E Kitack Lim Secretary General International Maritime Organization 4, Albert Embankment London SE1 7SR United Kingdom

Dear Secretary-General,

I would like to present you additional steps Georgia has taken in its seafarers' certification system to cope with the negative consequences of the pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

The attached document includes a new amendment to regulation providing an exception in accordance with the legislation of Georgia in the seafarers's certification field of Georgia.

I would like to kindly ask the assistance of the secretariat to forward the information contained in the Annex to the IMO Member States.

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Yours sincerely,

Director SIGNED/SEALED ELECTRONICALLY

Tamar Ioseliani



Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Maritime Transport Agency Director's

> Order N01 January 22 2021 Batumi, Georgia

On amending Order 05 of April 06, 2020 "On certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers' certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19"

According to Article 20 and paragraph 4 of Article 25 of the Organic Law of Georgia "On Normative Acts" and sub-paragraph "d" of paragraph 2 of article 4 of Order №1-1/585 Of the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia "On Approval of the Charter of the Legal Entity of Public Law the Maritime Transport Agency", I order the following:

Article 1

Order 05 of April 06, 2020 "On certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers' certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID19" shall be amended and the following sub-paragraphs "33" and "34" shall be added.

- "33. Certificates of Seafarers, who are now engaged in international navigation and whose certificates (certificates of competency or proficiency, seamen's books) are expiring during the period of 1st January 2021 to 30th of April 2021, shall automatically be renewed until 30th of June 2021.
- 34. Medical certificates of Seafarers, who are now engaged in international navigation and whose certificates are expiring by 30th of April 2020, shall automatically be renewed until 30th of June 2021."

Article 2

This order shall come into force from the moment of its publication

Director of Maritime Transport Agency

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