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**RESOLUTION MSC.473(ES.2) – RECOMMENDED ACTION TO FACILITATE
SHIP CREW CHANGE, ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AND SEAFARER TRAVEL
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**National Focal Points on Crew Change
and Repatriation of Seafarers**

1 On 21 September 2020, the Maritime Safety Committee, at its second extraordinary session, adopted resolution MSC.473(ES.2) on *Recommended action to facilitate ship crew change, access to medical care and seafarer travel during the COVID-19 pandemic*, whereby, inter alia, it invited Member States and relevant national authorities to designate National Focal Points on Crew Change and Repatriation of Seafarers, to coordinate action at national level; and to inform the Secretary-General accordingly so that Member States could be advised for the purpose of coordination.

2 In this regard, the Secretariat has received notifications on the designation of a National Focal Point on Crew Change and Repatriation of Seafarers from the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, the Cook Islands, Cyprus, Dominica, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Montenegro, Myanmar, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Vanuatu, as attached.

3 Member States are invited to note the annexed information and bring it to the attention of all parties concerned. In addition, Member States are invited to inform the Secretary-General about the designation of National Focal Points on Crew Change and Repatriation of Seafarers as provided in resolution MSC.473(ES.2).

ANNEX

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