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To: All IMO Members  
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of Ukraine**

The Government of Ukraine has sent the attached communication, dated 3 May 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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The Embassy of Ukraine in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organisation and has the honour to inform of the following.

With the ongoing russian full-scale armed aggression against Ukraine and the temporary occupation of certain parts of Ukraine's territory by the russian armed forces, Ukraine is prevented from providing services to ships and passengers, carrying-out cargo and transport operations and other related economic activities, ensuring the proper level of safety of navigation, protection of the environment as well as compliance with international treaties to which Ukraine is a party, including those adopted under the auspices of the IMO.

In view of the above, by the Order of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine dated 28 April 2022 No. 256 the seaports of Berdiansk, Kherson, Mariupol and Skadovsk are announced as closed until the resumption of control over them by Ukraine.

The Embassy of Ukraine would also appreciate if this Note Verbal is circulated among IMO Member States to all IMO Member States, international organizations which have concluded agreements of cooperation with the IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the IMO.

The Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organisation the assurances of its highest consideration.

YL London, <sup>03</sup> May 2022

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