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To: All IMO Member States
United Nations and specialized agencies
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Subject: **IMPA Seminar on Maritime Pilots and Pilotage: Our commitment to safety, pollution prevention and environmental sustainability (1 November 2022)**

The International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA), in partnership with the Organization, is organizing the subject Seminar at IMO Headquarters on 1 November 2022, in advance of the 106th session of the Maritime Safety Committee, and has sent the attached communication, dated 2 September 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

ANNEX

IMPA SEMINAR ON MARITIME PILOTS AND PILOTAGE: OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, POLLUTION PREVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (1 November 2022)

Introduction

1 The International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA) is hosting a Seminar to inform Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO about the societal value of maritime pilots and pilotage as a public service.

2 The IMO Secretary-General has recognized maritime pilots as having always been vital to ensuring the safety of navigation in key ports and shipping lanes globally and playing a crucial role in sustaining the global supply chain, using specialized knowledge and expertise.* Maritime pilots are engaged in over four million acts of pilotage annually.

3 The Seminar will recognize that emerging technologies, supply chain efficiency and environmental sustainability are driving change in the shipping industry. This will be an opportunity to understand the role of maritime pilots and the high levels of risk mitigation offered by appropriately regulated pilotage in the context of the safety of seafarers and the public, and Sustainable Development Goals 13 (Climate action) and 14 (Life below the water).

4 In conjunction with local and national authorities and maritime stakeholders, maritime pilots are having to respond to mitigate the impacts of changing environmental conditions in order to maintain levels of safety and service. Moreover, it is recognized that pilotage, as a public service, will need to adapt to be environmentally sustainable. The Seminar provides an opportunity to understand pilotage in the context of climate mitigation and adaptation.

5 The Seminar will provide:

- .1 insights into how maritime pilots work today, using specialized knowledge, expertise and technology to minimize safety and environmental risk for the benefit of society;
- .2 insights into the social value of duly regulated pilotage as a public service, using a case study; and
- .3 a perspective on sustaining and enhancing the social value of pilotage as the shipping industry and the expectations of society evolve.

Seminar arrangements

6 The Seminar will be held in the Main Hall at IMO Headquarters on Tuesday, 1 November 2022, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. (UTC) and will be followed by a lunch hosted by IMPA in the Delegates Lounge.

* [25th International Maritime Pilots' Association Congress \(imo.org\)](https://www.imo.org)

Registration

7 The Seminar is open to maritime administrations and international organizations that are stakeholders in pilotage. The event will be conducted in English without interpretation. Registrations are to be made using the following link: [IMPA Seminar Registration](#)

8 Participants need to register no later than Monday, 24 October 2022.

9 Any questions regarding the seminar or registration should be sent to office@impahq.org.
