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Dear Colleagues

OUTCOME OF NCSR 10 - SOLAS REGULATION V/23

IMO has taken decisions this week which directly affect the future safety of pilots around the world.

In response to proposals from IMPA, China, Bahamas and New Zealand, a review of maritime safety incidents and our Annual Safety Campaign/Survey results, the IMO Sub-Committee responsible for SOLAS regulation V/23 (NCSR) agreed that all requirements for pilot transfer arrangements shall be mandatory.

We anticipate this will be achieved by combining enhanced requirements and recommendations on pilot transfer arrangements into a new mandatory performance standard. The appetite for a more robust regulatory regime for pilot transfer arrangements was clear. There is good reason to be optimistic that SOLAS regulation V/23 will serve our community better in the future.

IMPA will use its regulatory and technical expertise to defend this result and deliver robust mandatory standards for pilot transfer arrangement design, manufacture, construction, inspection, maintenance and rigging. I encourage every member to coordinate with the IMPA Secretariat and engage with their national Administration to become involved in the work between now and mid-2024.

On Tuesday, 16 May 2023, IMPA met with China to discuss the next steps in our collaboration. The exchange was constructive and demonstrated a commitment to continue to work with us to improve the safety of pilot transfer arrangements. China will coordinate the IMO group that will prepare the mandatory performance standard.

Finally, I would like to praise the collaboration and skill demonstrated by the representatives of Members on the delegations of member States at NCSR. I am proud of their commitment to the safety of our community and the demonstration that IMPA is a formidable force at IMO.

Action: Coordinate with the IMPA Secretariat and engage with national Administrations to become involved in the work to amend SOLAS regulation V/23 and associated instruments.

Yours sincerely,

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