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To: IMO Members and other Governments
United Nations and specialized agencies
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **International Maritime Prize, 2012**

1 The Secretary-General has the honour to invite nominations for candidates for the International Maritime Prize for 2012¹. The Prize is awarded each year² to individuals and non-governmental organizations or bodies adjudged by the IMO Council to have made a significant contribution to the Organization's work and objectives. Governments and intergovernmental organizations and entities are not eligible for the Prize. A summary of the objectives and functions of the Organization is given in annex 1 to this circular.

2 Nominations for the Prize may be made only by:

- .1 Governments;
- .2 organizations, specialized agencies, programmes and funds of the United Nations system;
- .3 intergovernmental organizations with which IMO has established cooperative agreements or arrangements; and
- .4 non-governmental international organizations in consultative status with IMO.

3 Sponsoring Governments, organizations, agencies and other nominating entities may each nominate only **one** candidate for the Prize. A list of the previous winners of the Prize is attached in annex 2 to this circular.

4 The winner of the Prize will be presented with a trophy at a special ceremony to coincide with an IMO meeting taking place at the Headquarters of the Organization and will be invited to write a paper on a subject related to the Organization's objectives and work for publication by IMO. For this purpose, the winner of the award will receive a stipend of US\$1,000 and, if necessary, appropriate expenses in connection with travel to attend the ceremony at IMO Headquarters.

¹ The winner of the 2011 Prize (see document C 108/15(f)) will be decided by C 108 in June 2012.

² The Council may decide not to bestow an award in any year if, in its opinion, no suitable candidates have been nominated for that year.

5 The Secretary-General would be most grateful if nominations of candidates to be considered for the 2012 Prize could be sent to him as soon as possible to reach the Organization **by no later than 15 January 2013**. Nominations should indicate clearly the name and designation of the Government or other authority submitting the nomination and bear an appropriate mark of authentication. A nomination form is attached (annex 3). Governments and organizations may, however, submit nominations in other forms, provided that adequate information is given to enable the Council to assess the merits of the candidates concerned.

6 All nominations should be addressed to:

The Secretary-General
International Maritime Organization
4 Albert Embankment
London SE1 7SR
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ANNEX 1

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

The major objectives of the Organization are:

- .1 to provide machinery for cooperation among Governments in the field of governmental regulation and practices relating to technical matters of all kinds affecting shipping engaged in international trade; to encourage and facilitate the general adoption of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning maritime safety, efficiency of navigation and prevention and control of marine pollution from ships; and to deal with administrative and legal matters related to the purposes of the Organization;
- .2 to provide for the consideration by the Organization of any matters concerning shipping and the effect of shipping on the marine environment that may be referred to it by any organ or specialized agency of the United Nations; and
- .3 to provide for the exchange of information among Governments on matters under consideration by the Organization.

FUNCTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION

For the achievement of its objectives, the Organization:

- .1 considers and makes recommendations upon matters within its competence that may be remitted to it by Members, the United Nations or any specialized agency of the United Nations or by any other appropriate intergovernmental organization;
- .2 provides for the drafting of conventions, agreements or other suitable instruments by convening such conferences as may be necessary and recommends the resulting instruments to Governments and to intergovernmental organizations for acceptance, implementation or enforcement, as may be appropriate;
- .3 performs functions assigned to it by or under international instruments relating to maritime matters and the effect of shipping on the marine environment;
- .4 promotes measures for the effective implementation and enforcement of international standards and regulations adopted by the Organization or contained in international treaty instruments; and
- .5 facilitates, as necessary, technical co-operation within the scope of the Organization, including the provision of services and other appropriate assistance to Governments, particularly those of developing countries.

ANNEX 2

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE

- 1980 Mr. Modolve Hareide (Norway)
- 1981 Rear Admiral Rodrick Y. Edwards (United States)
- 1982 Mr. George Maslov (Russian Federation)
- 1983 Mr. Hjalmar R. Bardarson (Iceland)
- 1984 Mr. Shen Zhaoqi (China)
- 1985 Mr. Per Eriksson (Sweden)
- 1986 Mr. Moustafa Fawzi (Egypt)
- 1987 Dr. James Cowley (United Kingdom)
- 1988 Mr. Emil Jansen (Norway)
- 1989 Professor Jerzy Wojciech Doerffer (Poland)
- 1990 Captain Zenon N. Sdougos (Greece)
- 1991 Dr. Chandrika Prasad Srivastava (India)
- 1992 Mr. Yoshio Sasamura (Japan)
- 1993 Admiral J. William Kime (United States)
- 1994 Mr. John S. Perrakis (Greece)
- 1995 Mr. Georgy G. Ivanov (Russian Federation)
- 1996 Mr. Torkild Reedtz Funder (Denmark)
- 1997 Dr. Gamal El-Din A. Mokhtar (Egypt)
- 1998 The International Lifeboat Federation (ILF)
- 1999 Mr. Ian Mills Williams (Australia)
- 2000 Mr. Heikki Juhani Valkonen (Finland)
- 2001 Dr. Giuliano Pattofatto (Italy)
- 2002 Mr. James Francis Wall (United Kingdom)
- 2003 Mr. William A. O'Neil (Canada)
- 2004 Mr. Luis Martínez Wolf (Mexico)
- 2005 Dr. Thomas Allan (United Kingdom)
- 2006 Mr. Alfred Popp (Canada)
Mr. Igor Ponomarev (Russian Federation)
- 2007 Mr. Jørgen Rasmussen (Denmark)
- 2008 Engineer Alberto Alemán Zubieta (Panama)
- 2009 Mr. Johan Franson (Sweden)
- 2010 Ms. Linda (Lindy) S. Johnson (United States)

ANNEX 3

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE, 2012

THE GOVERNMENT OF
(Name of country)

OR

THE
(Name of organization)

hereby nominates
.....
.....
.....
(Name and brief description of candidate)

for the **International Maritime Prize, 2012**.

The following statement is submitted in support of the candidature:

(to be continued on a separate sheet or sheets, if required)

For and on behalf of the Government of or
..... (Name of organization)

Signed: Date:

Name:

Designation:

Official seal (where appropriate)
