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To: All IMO Members  
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has sent the attached communication, dated 5 May 2020, with the request that it is circulated by the Organization.

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**Ministry of Road & Urban Development**  
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Subject: Extension of Seafarers' Certificates

His Excellency,

Considering the growing outbreak of the novel coronavirus and the recommendations by the World Health Organization on the importance of such a public health emergency condition which is of international concern and the need for medical care of seafarers while working onboard, PMO has considered some specific conditions for the facilitation of seafarers' documentation, including:

- 1- the extension of CoPs, CoCs, and medical certificates with validity of one year or longer, which will be expired during the onset of coronavirus until September 21, 2020, , will be additionally extended 6 months after the expiry of the certificates.
- 2- For dispensation and endorsement of foreign certificates, through addressing the situation of seafarers who are facing expiration of essential certificates, the validity of the certificates which are within the period of outbreak of coronavirus until the end of September 21, 2020, will be extended for 6 months after the expiry dates of the certificates.

In addition, there have been some more considerations for presenting the theoretical and practical training courses for seafarers, which are to be held online for theoretical courses and for



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practical trainings, the participants should take part in compliance with the rules during the outbreak, with a limited number and respecting the social distancing regulations.

Best Regards,

Mohammad Rastad  
Vice Minister and Managing Director of PMO

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