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To: IMO Member States
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of Ukraine**

On 7 May 2014, the Embassy of Ukraine forwarded the attached communication, which it has requested be circulated by the Organization.

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Ref.6124/35-327/2-555

The Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization and with reference to the Embassy's notes №.6124/35-327/2-535 and № 6124/35-327/2-534, dated 05 May 2014 has the honour to request Secretariat to bring them to the attention of International Maritime Organization Member States, Intergovernmental organizations which have concluded agreements of cooperation with IMO and Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO .

The Embassy of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

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London, May 7, 2014

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

At the moment Yevpatoria, Feodosia, Yalta, Kerch and Sevastopol Sea Ports are occupied by the authorities of the Russian Federation after illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. As a result of such actions Ukrainian authorities are not in a position to manage and control these ports.

Taking into account aforementioned, Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine, which is the state authority responsible for safety of approaches and in water areas of Ukrainian ports and in Ukrainian surrounding waters, informs that Russian Federation's actions make it impossible for Ukraine to be responsible for the safety of vessels and maritime security in accordance with international obligations of Ukraine on approaches and water areas of abovementioned Sea Ports.

In particular, this applies to the fulfilment of Ukraine's commitments under such international agreements: International Convention on the Law of the Sea, International Convention on the High Seas, International Convention on the Continental Shelf, International Convention on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone, International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea of 1974, International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers of 1978, International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ship of 1969, International Convention on Load Lines of 1966, Convention on

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International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea of 1972, International Safety Management Code, adopted by IMO Resolution No A.741(18), Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control.

Bearing in mind the United Nations General Assembly Resolution RES/68/262 "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" adopted on 27 March 2014 as well as the fact that situation in the ports situated on the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea occupied by the Russian Federation remain uncontrolled, it is necessary to notify International Maritime Organization Member States about the high level of property risks on approaches and in water areas of abovementioned Sea Ports and about Ukraine's inability to assure required level of maritime security in those ports in compliance with international commitments regarding safety of life at sea, search and rescue.

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 Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 5 May 2014

EMBASSY OF UKRAINE

Ref. 6124/35-327/2-535

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

At the moment Kerch and Sevastopol Sea Fishing Ports are illegally occupied by the authorities of the Russian Federation after illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. As a result of such actions Ukrainian State Agency for Fisheries is not in a position to manage and control these Ports.

State Enterprises "Sevastopol Sea Fishing Port" and "Kerch Sea Fishing Port" were seized by illegal groups which took control over Ukraine's state property, and blocked port captain services that ensured the maritime security at port water area.

Taking into account aforementioned, State Agency for Fisheries, which is the Ukrainian state authority responsible for safety of fishing, informs that Russian Federation's actions make it impossible for Ukraine to be responsible for the safety of vessels and maritime security in accordance with international obligations of Ukraine on approaches and water areas of Kerch and Sevastopol Sea Fishing Ports.

In particular, this applies to the fulfilment of Ukraine's commitments under such international agreements: International Convention on the Law of the Sea, International Convention on the High Seas, International Convention on the Continental Shelf, International Convention on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone, International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, Convention on Conditions for

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Registration of Ships (regarding vessels registered in mentioned ports), IMO adopted Resolutions A.1052(27) and A.857(20), International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, etc.

Bearing in mind the United Nations General Assembly Resolution RES/68/262 "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" adopted on 27 March 2014 as well as the fact that situation in the fishing ports situated on the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea occupied by the Russian Federation remain uncontrolled, it is necessary to notify International Maritime Organization Member States about high level of property risks on approaches and in water areas of Kerch and Sevastopol Sea Fishing Ports.

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 Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 5 May 2014