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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has sent the attached communication, dated 29 June 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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HE. Mr. Kitak Lim,
Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization.

Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – New update of Measures taken by the Egyptian Ministry of Health in relation to passengers and crews arriving to the Egyptian Ports.

Excellency,

Within our efforts to alleviate the repercussions of COVID-19 pandemic and in observance to Egypt's designation of seafarers as "keyworkers", we have the honor to inform you of the new update of procedures taken by the Egyptian Health Authority to facilitate the arrival of passengers and repatriation of crews in the Egyptian ports.

The following updates come into force as of 23rd of July 2021:

Passengers and crew with COVID-19 vaccination Certificates

The following measures shall be followed with Passengers /crews with COVID-19 vaccination certificates issued 14 days before arriving from countries affected by the mutant COVID variant such as India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Brazil and Latin America:

1. Vaccination Certificates shall be checked by Health Authorities. Only authenticated certificates without abrasion, scratching or addition and with QR Code shall be accepted.
2. ID Now COVID-19 tests shall be performed. A PCR test shall be performed to those with positive results. Passengers/ crews with positive PCR tests shall be transferred to Fever Hospitals or other designated hospitals where protocols followed in this respect shall be observed.

Passengers /crews with COVID-19 vaccination certificates issued 14 days before arriving from countries not affected by the mutant COVID variant, only authenticated Vaccination Certificates without abrasion, scratching or addition and with QR Code shall be accepted.

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Vaccines that have approvals by the WHO and the Egyptian Drug Authority shall be approved taking into account the time period of 14 days as of receiving the second dose of vaccines given in two doses (Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, Sinofarm, Sinovac or Sputnik) or 14 days have passed since receiving the first dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

Passengers and crews without COVID-19 vaccination Certificates

Measures and procedures approved by the Egyptian Ministry of Health issued in our Communication, IMO Circular Letter No. 4240/Add.4, shall be applied.

Therefore, we kindly request the IMO Secretariat to circulate the abovementioned information among Member States.

The Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector avails itself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,

R. Adm. Reda Ahmed Ismail
President, Maritime Transport Sector.

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