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To: All IMO Member
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Italy**

The Government of the Republic of Italy has sent the attached communication, dated 30 December 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



**Ministry of Infrastructures and
Transport**
*Italian Coast Guard Headquarters
Safety of Navigation and
Maritime Security Department*

Rome, *date of issue*
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HE Mr. Kitack Lim
Secretary General of
International Maritime Organization

Subject: Measures to Address Covid-19.

Dear Secretary-General Lim,

The Italian Coast Guard Headquarters presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization and, with reference to STCW Convention refresher courses, is honoured to inform on the following.

With a dedicated Italian Coast Guard Headquarters letter – circulated with IMO Circular Letter No. 4231 dated 24 March 2020 - the following CoPs have been extended up to 31st December 2020:

- Basic Training Regulation VI/1 and corresponding Section A-VI/1 points 2, 3 and 4;
- Survival Craft and Rescue Boat Regulation VI/2.1 and corresponding Section A-VI/2 points 5 and 6;
- Fast Rescue Boat Regulations VI/2.2 and corresponding Section A-VI/2 points 11 and 12;
- Advanced fire-fighting - Regulation VI/3 and corresponding Section A- VI/3 points 5 and 6.

Given the ongoing severity of the COVID-19 epidemic and unresolved challenges such as timely repatriation of seafarers at the end of their contract and revalidation of their certificates, the vital need to extend the CoPs periods of seafarers has arisen.

In this context, the validity of the Italian Seafarers' CoPs is granted - without any further application or approval processes – but limited to the seafarers that are serving onboard whose certification expires during the course of their current employment.

We would therefore like to ask the Secretariat to kindly have this information regarding the extension of the CoPs communicated to all Member States of the IMO. Your valuable attention to this matter is very much appreciated.

The Italian Coast Guard avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

**The General Commander
Vice Admiral (ITCG) Giovanni PETTORINO**

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