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

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

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has sent the attached communication, received on 26 July 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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## HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

ZAMBIA HOUSE,  
2, PALACE GATE,  
LONDON, W8 5NG**NOTE NO.56/2021**

The High Commission for the Republic of Zambia accredited to the Court of St. James's presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Secretariat and has the honour to forward herewith Note Verbal No. 1604/2021, dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 with regard to a call for urgent deregistration of vessels bearing the Zambian flag and illegally operating the Zambia ship registry.

The High Commission for the Republic of Zambia accredited to the Court of St. James's avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) the assurances of its highest consideration.

21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021.

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REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

**NOTE VERBALE NO.1604 /2021**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zambia presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Secretariat and has the honour to urgently deregister and block all organisations illegally operating vessels bearing the Zambian flag, as well as those illegally operating the Zambia ship registry contrary to the the provisions of IMO conventions.

This is in view of the information brought to the attention of the Zambian authorities that some organisations are illegally operating the Zambia ship Registry which has not yet been set up by the Government of the Republic of Zambia. The Government further requests that if any such information is received from any organisation purporting to be a legal institution from Zambia to issue international vessel registration, be stopped immediately and have all information verified with the relevant authorities here in Zambia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zambia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organisation Secretariat the assurances of the highest consideration.

Lusaka, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

The Secretariat  
International Maritime Organisation (IMO)  
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