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To: All IMO Member States  
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Subject: **Requests to convene an extraordinary session of the Council**

1 The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization presents his compliments and wishes to inform that, pursuant to rule 2 of the Rules of Procedures of the Council, fifteen Members of the Council have requested that an extraordinary session of the Council be held to address the impacts on shipping and seafarers of the situation in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.\* A majority of the Council Members requesting the extraordinary session have further asked that the session be held as soon as possible, indicating that they would waive the one month's notice requirement for the session to be held.

2 The formal invitation, by Note Verbale, indicating the date, time and other details for the extraordinary session of the Council, will be provided in due course.

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\* As of the date of this Circular Letter, requests were received from the following Member States: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.