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TO ALL MARADS

**CELEBRATING AFRICAN DAY OF SEAS AND OCEANS – 25TH JULY, 2019**

It is with great pleasure that I offer you the compliments of the Association of African Maritime Administrations (AAMA).

You would recall that the 22nd Ordinary Assembly of the African Union (AU) declared the decade of 2015 – 2025 as the decade of Africa Seas and Oceans and 25th July specifically as African Day of Seas and Oceans.

We are again set to celebrate the African Day of Seas and Oceans. The theme of the 2019 event as chosen by the African Union is **“Enhancing Africa’s Role in a Globally Binding Instrument on Marine Biological Diversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction”**.

The importance of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction cannot be overemphasized, considering that Africa is greatly endowed with vast maritime resources and opportunities which must be harnessed for economic development and wealth creation.

I therefore enjoin all Maritime Administrations to join the African Union in marking this event at the Headquarters of the African Union at Addis Ababa as well as celebrating the event in your home countries on 25th July, 2019.

Please accept the assurances of my high regards.

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