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Dear Delegate

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NOTIFICATION FOR AAMA MEMBERS ON EFFORT IN CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SEAFARERS

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

On behalf of the Head of Secretariat, AAMA members are asked to recall the celebration of the International Day of Seafarers which is marked annually on the **25th of June**.

Maritime Administrations are encouraged both by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as well as the governing body of AAMA to mark this day with key celebratory efforts highlighting the importance and great contribution by our seafarers around the world.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers found themselves both on the front line of the global response and subject to difficult working conditions.

Last year the Day of the Seafarer campaign focused its message around urging governments to **recognize seafarers as key workers** and **ease travel restrictions** for them to **facilitate crew changes**.

The **2021 Day of the Seafarer** campaign will continue to encourage governments to support seafarers amid the pandemic but will expand its message, calling for **a fair future for seafarers**.

Member countries are thus encouraged once again this year to share with AAMA Secretariat how they will or how they would have celebrated this day, and these stories will then be uploaded onto the official AAMA website to be viewed and noted by other member countries.

We would be grateful to receive responses from member countries soon after they have celebrated this day.

Please accept as always, our highest regards.

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Kind Regards
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