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### Preparation for entry into force of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006

Dear Madam,

I refer to my letter ACD 2-45-00 dated 26 March 2009, concerning the ratification by Norway of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006).

I have the pleasure to inform you that, following the ratification of the MLC, 2006 by the Philippines on 20 August 2012, the conditions for the entry into force of this Convention have now been fulfilled. In conformity with its Article VIII, paragraph 3, the MLC, 2006 will come into force for Norway on 20 August 2013, *i.e.* twelve months after the date on which the ratifications of thirty Member States with a total share in the world gross tonnage of ships of 33 per cent have been registered.

The MLC, 2006 has now been ratified in order of ratification by: *Liberia, Marshall Islands, Bahamas, Panama, Norway, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Spain, Croatia, Bulgaria, Canada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Switzerland, Benin, Singapore,, Denmark, Antigua and Barbuda, Latvia, Luxembourg, Kiribati, Netherlands, Australia, St Kitts and Nevis, Tuvalu, Togo, Poland, Palau, Sweden, Cyprus, Russian Federation and the Philippines.*

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----- Your attention is drawn to the *Resolution concerning the practical implementation of the issue of certificates on entry into force* (Resolution XVII or Resolution 17) adopted by the International Labour Conference when it adopted the MLC, 2006. A copy of this resolution is attached as Appendix I. In the Resolution, the International Labour Conference, at the time of the adoption of the MLC, 2006, requested governments to develop plans, which would ensure the phasing in of certification requirements starting with bulk carriers and passenger ships no later than 12 months after the date on which there have been registered ratifications by at least 30 Members with a total share in the world gross tonnage of ships of at least 33 per cent. The International Labour Conference requested those Members to begin the process of certifying ships flying their flag twelve months before the Convention requires them to do so are stated in the Resolution.

The Director-General will draw the attention of the Members of the Organization to the date upon which the MLC, 2006 will come into force and communicate such date to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Yours faithfully  
For the Director-General



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