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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Russian Federation**

The Government of the Russian Federation has sent the attached communication, dated 25 March 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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The Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the IMO and with reference to the outcomes of the 35th Council's extraordinary session, as represented in C/ES/35/WP.1/Rev.1, in particular its paragraph 3.2, on the "establishment, as a provisional and urgent measure, of a blue safe maritime corridor to allow safe evacuation of seafarers and ships" in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov would like to inform of the following steps undertaken by the Russian side.

With the aim of ensuring safe passage from the ports of the Ukraine (ports of Chernomorsk, Kherson, Mykolaiv, Ochakov, Odesa and Yuzhne) of merchant vessels there will be established a humanitarian maritime corridor starting from 27 March 2022 (please, find sketch-map enclosed). This corridor represents an 80-mile long and 3-mile wide marine traffic lane from the assembly area (RC-1) to the exit area (RR-2). General course is 200°. The corridor will operate daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (UTC+3).

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The coordinates for the assembly area (RC-1) are as follows:

46° 10' N 31° 00' E
46° 10' N 31° 08' E
46° 04' N 31° 00' E
46° 04' N 31° 08' E.

The coordinates for the exit area (RR-2) are as follows:

44° 56' N 30° 25' E
44° 56' N 30° 35' E
44° 50' N 30° 25' E
44° 50' N 30° 35' E.

The Russian side calls on competent authorities of the Ukraine to provide for the safety and security of the merchant vessels and their crews transiting to the assembly area (RC-1).

The Russian side seeks the support of the Secretary General of the IMO in implementing this urgent measure as indicated by the Council at its 35th extraordinary session and kindly asks for this letter to be circulated to the Member States of the Organization.

The Mission of the Russian Federation avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.



London, 25 March 2022

