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To: All IMO Member States
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Nauru**

On 29 May 2018, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations sent the attached communication with the request that it is circulated by the Organization.

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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organisation Office of Legal Affairs, and has the honour to forward herewith the letter of Mr. Michael Aroi Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade addressed to the Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations Division for further transmission to its destination.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organisation Office of Legal Affairs to the United Nations the highest assurances of its highest consideration.

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU - NEW YORK

New York, 29th May 2018

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25 April 2018

The Director Legal Affairs and External Relations Division
International Maritime Organisation
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Dear Director

'NAURU MARITIME ADMINISTRATION – INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY'

I write in reference to the above subject matter.

We have recently been made aware of the existence of a ship registry using our country's name, flag and emblem. This is a matter of grave concern to the Republic of Nauru given that until one week ago, we had never heard of or known of the existence of the above mentioned.

Please be advised that the above mentioned *'Nauru Maritime Administration – International Ship Registry'* based in Stockholm, Sweden was never approved or appointed by the Republic of Nauru to operate the Republic's ship registry. This entity was never authorised to use the Republic's national emblem, national flag and name to register ships.

The Republic has only recently appointed National Project Limited ('NPL'), operating out of Singapore, as the Nauru Foreign Vessel Administrator. We are currently in the process of establishing our ship registry with NPL at the helm.

We accordingly request that this information be disseminated to relevant parties and partners to ensure that the NPL is recognised as the Nauru Foreign Vessel Administrator to administer the Republic's ship registry.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you require clarification or further information.

Yours sincerely

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Mr. Michael Aroi
Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Trade