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## HIGH LEVEL MINISTERIAL MARITIME CONFERENCE

10-11 March 2020, Opatija (Hotel Ambassador, Feliksa Peršića 5)

### *High Level Ministerial Maritime Conference Programme*

**8:30 – 9:30** Registration

**9:30 – 10:00** Welcome speech

(Croatian state secretary in the Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, Josip Bilaver)

**10:00 – 10:15** Opening statement

(IMO – Secretary General HE Kitack Lim)

### **10:15 – 11:00 I PANEL**

#### Reinforcing the internal market through further digitalization

*It is a great challenge for European shipping to remain competitive globally. In addition to investing in newer and more environmentally friendly ships and building maritime infrastructure, the digitalization of business processes is also an important factor for more profitable transport operations that result in more competitive internal and external trade. In addition to topics extremely relevant to digital development, such as EMSW, the introduction of e-bill of lading (eFTI), the establishment of an ESW for the customs system and digital inland navigation tools, in order to further develop a successful single internal market, it is important to ensure the integration of existing MS systems into a single large data exchange system reducing administrative burden and securing seamless transport of freight and passengers from door to door. In order to exercise in full the re-use of data, it is also important that this system integrates individual systems of different branches of the economy.*

Moderator: ECASBA- Mr. Jakov Karmelić

Panelists:

- Wärtsilä - Mr Matteo Natali
- DG MOVE – Mr Roberto Alongi
- EMSA – Mr Lazaros Aichmalotidis
- FEPORT - Mr Gerald Hirt, CEO Hamburg Vessel Coordination Center
- ESPO- Ms Isabelle Ryckbost, Secretary General ESPO
- Jadrolinija – Mr David Sopta



**11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break

**11:30 – 12.15 II PANEL**

Investing in future of seafaring profession

*From safety, environmental perspective as well as to maintain the competitiveness of our maritime workforce, a high level of competence of the European seafarers is necessary. Without doubt, the seafaring profession will face many changes in the future. In light of environmental challenges and technological advances, we need to ensure the level of education of our seafarers is fit for what the future holds. European seafarers need to be ready for the MASS ships and the complete digitization of the system. Furthermore, in order to prevent the negative trend of decreasing number of European seafarers, efforts towards making the profession more attractive need to be made. In particular, increasing the level of working conditions, strengthening the maritime cluster, ensuring a high level of gender balance of the seafarer profession is of key importance.*

Moderator: - Faculty of Maritime Studies, University of Rijeka, dr.sc. Vlado Frančić

Panelists:

- ETF – Mr Neven Melvan, General Secretary of the Seafarers' Union of Croatia
- MSTI – Mr Siniša Orlić, Assistant Minister
- ECSA – Mr Martin Dorsman, Secretary General
- DG MOVE – Ms Barbara Sellier, Head of the Maritime Safety Unit
- EUROCREW – Mr Mario Zorović, Member of Council

**12:15 – 12:45 III KEY NOTE**

Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977

*The Cape Town Agreement treaty will enter into force 12 months after at least 22 States, with an aggregate 3,600 fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over have expressed their consent to be bound by it.*

*During the Ministerial conference held in Torremolinos, Spain 21-23 October 2019, representatives of 48 States have signed the Torremolinos Declaration, publicly indicating their determination to ensure that the 2012 Cape Town Agreement on fishing vessel safety will enter into force by the tenth anniversary of its adoption (11 October 2022). The Torremolinos Declaration remains open for further signatures until 21 October 2020.*

*Member states of the European Union should also have in mind the Council Decision of 17 February 2014 authorizing Member States to sign, ratify or accede to the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of*



1993 relating to the *Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 (Text with EEA relevance)*.

**Key note speaker:** Ms. Heike Deggin, Director, IMO - Maritime Safety Division assisted by Mr Michael Kingston, Consultant, IMO

- *Q&A by the audience*

**12:45 -14:00h** Lunch

### **14:00 – 15:15 HIGH LEVEL PANEL**

#### Greening of the shipping sector – 2030 Vision - Facilitating sustainable shipping solutions for GHG emission reduction

*In the current context of global fight against climate change comprising the leading role of the EU in adoption of international standards for the protection of environment, recently published Green Deal communication and the implementation of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships, many challenges lay ahead.*

*Only with common efforts of different players in the market such as ports, equipment manufacturers, shipbuilders, shipowners and regulators could the solutions to greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental questions be found. In order to continue working together on a green future, the shipping sector needs to turn towards innovation and sustainable solutions.*

Setting the scene: Mr Claes Berglund, President for European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)

Moderator: Ms Magda Kopczynska, Director for Waterborne Transport, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Panelists:

- IMO - Mr Kitack Lim, Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization
- Poland- Mr Marek Gróbarczyk, Minister of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation,
- Sweden -Mr Mattias Landgren, State Secretary to Minister for Infrastructure Tomas Eneroth,
- Germany- Mr Achim Wehrmann, Director Shipping, Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, Germany
- EMSA- Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency
- DG MOVE - Ms Maja Bakran Marcich, Deputy Director-General for Mobility and Transport, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport