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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has sent the attached communication, dated 25 August 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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**EMBASSY
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The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization (IMO); and with reference to the IMO joint statement calling for intergovernmental collaboration to accelerate the digitalization of maritime trade and logistics; has the honour to enclose herewith a letter addressed to the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization, dated 25 August 2020, from the President of the Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector, which outlines the measures and procedures adopted by Egyptian ports to strengthen digitalization of ports system.

The Embassy has further the honour to request the IMO Secretariat to circulate the aforementioned letter among the Organization's member states, and publish those measures and procedures on the Organization's website as part of Egypt's ongoing process to develop all Egyptian ports.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) the assurances of its highest consideration.

International Maritime Organization (IMO).
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**HE. Mr. Kitak Lim,
Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization**

Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Accelerating digitalization of maritime trade and logistics – A call to action.

Excellency,

In response to IMO joint statement calling for intergovernmental collaboration to drive the acceleration of digitalization of maritime trade and logistics, we have the honor to present the following measures taken by some of the Egyptian ports as an example of our country's endeavor to accelerate the digitalization of ports system.

1- Video Conference feature is used in:

- The operational meetings between the port Administration and the port community.
- The Implementation of training programs for port personnel in cooperation with the Ports Training Institutes of Egypt.
- Workshops organized by various entities.

2- The IT team of the Automated Dept. in the Egyptian Ports implements all tasks remotely by use of relevant programs in accordance with the instructions of cyber security.

3- The electronic platform of the Egyptian ports allows customers to carry out their work and view instant reports through:

- a- Electronic Gate (submitting of : anchorage requests- stevedoring requests- departure requests- FAL forms- pre-booking containers- inquiry about ship bills automatically- Contacting government agencies to inquire about several requests such as the commercial register and the tax card).
- b- Phone applications diverted to customers special alert messages (ship arrival and departure - billing).
- c- Mobile applications for port authority employees to inquire about (leave balance - attendance and leave –description of salary).

4- MAXIMO program online reservation system for trucks calling at the ports is activated and used by clients.

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- 5- Various online services are offered by ports to clients representing the second generation of the single window system.
- 6- Just in time (JIT) operation system is successfully carried out in Damietta Port Authority including about 1340 vessels calling at the port. As a result , a great reduction of costs and emissions are achieved.

We also like to assure you that Egypt, through the abovementioned measures, exerts its utmost to drive a change in this context to facilitate the flow of the international chain of supplies. We reemphasize that the aforementioned procedures are applied in some of the Egyptian ports and efforts are underway to put them to use in all Egyptian ports.

Therefore, we kindly request the IMO Secretariat to circulate the abovementioned information among Member States.

The Egyptian Maritime Transport Sector avails itself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,


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