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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Workshop on Safe Ship Operations in the Arctic Ocean
(28 February 2014)**

1 The Secretary-General is pleased to invite representation at the "Workshop on Safe Ship Operations in the Arctic Ocean", organized in collaboration with two projects: the Arctic Options: Holistic Integration for Arctic Coastal-Marine Sustainability Project, funded by the National Science Foundation (United States), and the Arctic Climate Change, Economy and Society (ACCESS) Project, funded by the European Commission. The workshop has been scheduled to take place on 28 February 2014 at IMO Headquarters in London.

2 The workshop will be providing a forum for exploratory discussion of issues arising from the two above-mentioned projects, with particular reference to conditions in the Arctic, as the Organization moves towards the finalization of the Polar Code and is intended for participants from IMO Member States, as well as from industry, policy, science and the community of Arctic residents, who are well acquainted with the matters at hand. Participants will be expected to present and/or discuss current practices and developments in connection with the safety of ship operations in the Arctic Ocean.

3 The provisional agenda is attached hereto. Any other relevant documentation will be issued on the day of the workshop. The workshop will be conducted in English only, without interpretation.

4 The Secretary-General would appreciate being informed, in due course, of the names of intended participants. Member States, international organizations and other entities intending to attend the workshop should inform the Subdivision for Protective Measures* of the Marine Environment Division as early as possible of the names and contact details of their participants, using the registration form attached to this circular letter.

5 Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs and should ensure that they are in possession of any necessary entry and transit visas prior to their departure.

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Workshop on Safe Ship Operations in the Arctic Ocean

International Maritime Organization (IMO) Headquarters, London

28 February 2014

Co-Sponsors:

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Arctic Options: Holistic Integration for Arctic Coastal-Marine Sustainability Project
National Science Foundation (United States)

Arctic Climate Change, Economy and Society (ACCESS) Project
European Commission

Objective: Facilitate information exchange among diverse experts to consider issues and strategies for ensuring safe ship operations in the Arctic Ocean, taking into account IMO's ongoing work on the mandatory Polar Code, which is anticipated for completion in 2014.

Draft Agenda:*

Holistic Considerations for Arctic Ocean Shipping

- 09:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks:
Mr. Koji Sekimizu (IMO Secretary-General)
- 09:10 Workshop Goals and Objectives:
Prof. Paul Berkman (University of California Santa Barbara)
- 09:20 Introduction – National Science Foundation (Arctic Options) Project:
Prof. Paul Berkman (University of California Santa Barbara)
- 09:25 Introduction – European Commission (ACCESS) Project:
Prof. Jean Claude Gascard (Université Pierre et Marie Curie)
- 09:35 Progress with the Polar Code:
Dr. Heike Deggim (IMO Marine Environment Division)
- 10:00 Emerging Access along the Northern Sea Route:
Mr. Mikhail Kolovangin (Mission of the Russian Federation to the IMO)

* An update of the agenda will be circulated closer to the date of the workshop, pending final confirmation from the speakers.


- 10:15 Coffee
- 10:45 International Cooperation through the Arctic Council:
Amb. Hannu Halinen (Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- 11:00 Panel and Open Discussions – Key issues:
- 11:45 Lunch

Evolving Context of the Polar Code in the Arctic Ocean

- 13:15 Arctic Sea-Ice Trends:
Prof. Peter Wadhams (University of Cambridge)
- 13:30 Arctic Ocean Economics:
Prof. Lawson Brigham (University of Alaska Fairbanks)
- 13:45 Arctic Commercial Shipping:
Mr. Mads Boye Peterson (Nordic Bulk Carriers A/S)
- 14:00 Arctic Shipborne Tourism:
Capt. Leif Skog (Lindblad-National Geographic Expeditions)
- 14:15 Arctic Peoples Perspectives:
Hon. Sara Olsvig (Greenland Parliament and Danish Parliament)
- 14:30 Panel and Open Discussions – Key Issues:
- 15:15 Coffee

Operationalizing the Polar Code in the Arctic Ocean

- 15:45 Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks:
Prof. Jean Claude Gascard (Université Pierre et Marie Curie)
- 16:00 Insurance Industry Contributions:
Mr. Michael Kingston (Marine, Trade & Energy Group, DWF LLP)
- 16:15 Arctic Marine Navigation and Charts:
Mr. Evert Flier (Norwegian Hydrographic Service)
- 16:30 Institutional Interplay in the Arctic Ocean:
Prof. Oran Young (University of California Santa Barbara)
- 16:45 Panel and Open Discussions – Summary of Key Issues:
- 17:45 Conclude

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	Meeting: Workshop on Safe Ship Operations in the Arctic Ocean	
	Date: 28 February 2014	
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