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To: All IMO Members  
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Subject: **Second IMO Symposium on alternative low- and zero-carbon fuels for shipping: "Ensuring a just and inclusive transition towards low-carbon shipping" on 21 October 2022**

1 IMO Member States are actively engaged in the process of revising the Initial IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships and in developing a basket of candidate mid-term measures, including technical and carbon-pricing elements which will set global shipping on a path to phasing out GHG emissions.

2 Incentivizing the availability and use of low- and zero-carbon marine fuels and ensuring the ability of all States to take part in this transition is paramount.

3 Therefore, the Secretary-General has the honour to invite participation in the **Second IMO Symposium on low- and zero-carbon fuels for shipping: "Ensuring a just and inclusive transition towards low-carbon shipping"**.

4 The symposium will be held on **Friday, 21 October 2022** at IMO Headquarters in hybrid mode and in English only. Please note that the seventy-second session of the Technical Cooperation Committee will be held from Monday, 17 October to Thursday, 20 October (TC 72/1/Rev.1). The symposium will take place from 09:30 to 15:30 (UTC+1) and will be followed by a reception.

5 This second symposium will focus on the challenges and opportunities that renewable fuel production represents in the context of shipping decarbonization, particularly for developing countries, and the need for enhanced cooperation at all levels to support this global transition.

6 The symposium will be open to all Member Governments, IGOs, NGOs and the general public. The provisional programme and information on registration will be issued in due course. Since a limited number of speaker slots are available, interested Member States and organizations which wish to make a presentation are invited to contact the Secretariat ([ghg@imo.org](mailto:ghg@imo.org)) by Friday, 2 September 2022.

7 Member States are invited to disseminate the invitation to interested parties and stakeholders and to encourage their representatives to participate.