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To: IMO Member States  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Illumination of the IMO building and other emblematic landmarks  
to mark World Maritime Day on 29 September 2022**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization launched, on World Maritime Day in 2021, an initiative to light up in blue colour the IMO building and the Seafarer Memorial, as well as other emblematic landmarks around the world. The purpose of this initiative is to promote the yearly World Maritime theme. A Flickr album dedicated to last year's illumination all over the world can be accessed [here](#).



The initiative has since been adopted as an annual symbolic effort to unite the maritime community on every World Maritime Day and raise awareness of the vital contribution of shipping to the world.

Building on last year's success of this initiative, the Secretary-General has the honour to announce that, to promote this year's World Maritime theme, "**New technologies for greener shipping**", IMO Headquarters will be bathed in "blue and green" light on the evening of 29 September 2022.

Furthermore, the Secretary-General would like to extend the invitation to IMO Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status to join in this annual initiative by lighting up in "blue" or "blue and green" colours their most iconic buildings, bridges, maritime ports, ships, monuments, museums and other emblematic landmarks on the occasion of the 2022 World Maritime Day celebration.

In order to give visibility to this project, social media participation is again encouraged via Twitter to share these powerful images by using the hashtag #WorldMaritimeDay. Photographs can also be sent to: [media@imo.org](mailto:media@imo.org).