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Dear Sirs,

For over two decades, the annual Tripartite meeting has served as a unique and useful forum in which the shipbuilders, shipowners and classification societies can gather together to freely exchange information and ideas concerning the future development of ship design, building and operation.

During recent years, the disruption caused by the global pandemic has resulted in Tripartite meetings virtually which, while still productive, has not been as useful and informative as traditional sessions.

We therefore greatly welcome the return of an in-person meeting of Tripartite in Tokyo this year on the 9th and 10th November and especially the opportunity to engage once more with the major shipbuilding nations of the world. In recognition of the value we place on input from the shipbuilding community, the agenda of Tripartite has been restructured to provide for a dedicated session on the shipbuilders outlook for the immediate future and it is also proposed that a high-level, private lunch on the 9th November be arranged between the senior representatives of our respective organisations and their member companies.

The challenges posed by decarbonisation and the novel fuels and technologies that will accompany that process, together with ongoing and increasing digitalization of vessels and the relentless pace of change in technology generally, means that collaboration across industry sectors is more vital than ever.

In this context, we very much hope that the shipbuilding community will be fully represented and engaged at this year's Tripartite meeting in Tokyo so that full consideration can be given to the concerns of your sector in addressing our common goals.

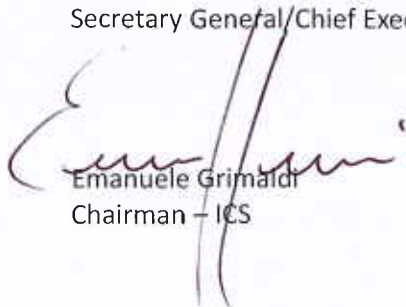
Yours faithfully,



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