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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Subject: Global register on Seafarer Deaths: Data and Metadata questionnaire

As you are aware, the Special Tripartite Committee (STC) of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006) at its Fourth Meeting (Part II), in May 2022, adopted several amendments to the Code of the Convention¹. The amendments were consequently approved by International Labour Conference in June 2022, and are expected to enter into force on **23 December 2024**, in accordance with Article XV, paragraph 7 of the MLC, 2006.

One of the amendments to the Code requires that all deaths of seafarers employed, engaged or working on board ships are adequately investigated and recorded, and reported on an annual basis to the Director-General of the International Labour Office to be published in a global register. Following the adoption of the amendments, the ILO in consultation with the Officers of the STC and the governments who sponsored this amendment to the MLC, 2006 (Australia, Norway, Panama, New Zealand, Kenya and France), has developed a brief questionnaire (accessible [here](#)) that would support implementation of this amendment, and establishment of a global register on seafarer deaths.

Although the amendment will enter into force in December 2024, it was agreed that it would be beneficial to collect the required data on an experimental basis for 2023, so that members can collect/or start collecting the required data to the ILO.

Completing this questionnaire will also be essential to test the understandability of concepts and definition proposed, and identify any issues with the taxonomy used, and level of details required, so that the questionnaire can be finalised before the date for the mandatory reporting.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could. report, in the online questionnaire, the numbers and causes of seafarer deaths, with a clear indication of type, size and location of the ship, and victim's sex, age, occupational position and department. Please note that the online questionnaire is accessible to anyone with the link to it after registration (username and password). The e-questionnaire should be completed with reference to 2023 or the latest available year (2022 or 2021).

¹ [Text of the amendments adopted on 13 May 2022 \(ilo.org\)](#)

Please submit the completed e-questionnaire by the 31st of July 2024 at the latest. For any questions that you might have relating to completion of the questionnaire, please contact Valentina Stoevska (stoevska@ilo.org), Senior Statistician at the Department of Statistics, and Beatriz Vacotto (vacotto@ilo.org), Coordinator at the Maritim Unit.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

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