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Dear Mr Rauk,

RE-ELECTION OF SINGAPORE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION COUNCIL

As conveyed in our previous letter dated 18 March 2025, Singapore will seek re-election to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council, under Category 'C', at elections to be held at the 34th IMO Assembly from 24 November to 3 December 2025.

2 As one of the world's busiest hub ports connecting Asia with the rest of the world and a major international centre for maritime businesses, Singapore is fully committed to advancing the IMO's mission of promoting safe, efficient and sustainable shipping on clean oceans. Singapore's unique status as a major flag State, port State, and littoral State of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore allows us to offer pragmatic and constructive perspectives on issues at the IMO. Singapore has and will continue to emphasise an inclusive approach to decision-making at the IMO that considers the diverse needs and interests of IMO Member States.

3 Singapore has also been an active participant and contributor at the IMO by serving in various leadership positions in IMO bodies throughout the years, including as Vice-Chair of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee since December 2022, and promoting international cooperation on key maritime issues. Singapore hopes to have the opportunity to continue serving the international maritime community through our membership on the IMO Council.

4 Amidst the ever-evolving maritime landscape, Singapore works closely with all stakeholders, including the IMO, to pioneer innovative solutions and ensure a sustainable, robust and resilient maritime sector. These include promoting the early adoption of alternative marine fuels and technologies by carrying out fuel trials at the Port of Singapore, harnessing digital solutions such as the Just in Time Planning and Coordination Platform (JIT Platform) to facilitate the reliable and efficient delivery of maritime services, and ensuring the safety and well-being of seafarers by establishing the Maritime Energy Training Facility (METF) to train and upskill seafarers to safely handle alternative marine fuels. Singapore hopes to champion inclusive climate action and will continue to work on such initiatives by leveraging international partnerships and driving productive dialogue amongst all stakeholders to complement the IMO's work. This will ensure that the benefits of maritime decarbonisation and digitalisation are accessible to all.

5 Singapore also stands ready to help the IMO and its Member States to develop the next generation of maritime leaders, having ourselves benefitted from technical assistance in the past. At the recent Global Aviation and Maritime Summit (GAMS) held in Singapore in July 2025, Singapore announced our commitment to follow through with a second tranche of US\$3 million under our enhanced five-year technical cooperation and training package for IMO and its Member States launched in 2023. This will support courses such as the training of seafarers on alternative fuels, digitalisation and marine casualty investigations, and builds on the current Singapore-IMO Third Country Training Programme Memorandum of Understanding, where over 2,400 maritime officials from more than 100 IMO Member States have been trained. Singapore also supports Member States in their capacity building efforts through the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Academy (MPAA), which has conducted maritime leadership training for more than 600 current and future maritime leaders from over 100 countries.

6 I have included a QR code below that will direct you to our *aide-mémoire* which has further details of Singapore's contributions at the IMO and beyond.

7 I deeply appreciate your favourable consideration and support for Singapore's candidature to the IMO Council, under Category 'C', at the elections to be held in November 2025. If Estonia is agreeable, we hope to receive a formal indication of your support soon. It will be an honour for Singapore to continue serving the international maritime community through our membership on the IMO Council. I look forward to future opportunities for further cooperation between our maritime agencies.

Yours sincerely,



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