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Dear Mr Rauk,

## **RE-ELECTION OF SINGAPORE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION COUNCIL**

I have the honour to inform you that Singapore is seeking re-election to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council, under Category 'C', at elections to be held at the 34<sup>th</sup> IMO Assembly from 24 November to 3 December 2025 in London, and to seek Estonia's support for Singapore's candidature.

2 As a maritime nation, Singapore strongly supports the IMO's commitment to fortify the pivotal role that international shipping plays in global trade. As the world's busiest container transshipment hub connecting Asia with the rest of the world, and a thriving international centre for maritime businesses, Singapore stands ready to support and advance international shipping through our partnership with IMO, fellow Member States and all other stakeholders.

3 Singapore's unique status as a major flag State and port State, and coastal State of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore allows us to offer pragmatic and constructive perspectives on issues at the IMO. We are also honoured to helm leadership positions over the years in various IMO bodies that advance the IMO's work in important and emerging areas, including as Vice-Chair of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee since December 2022.

4 To respond effectively to an evolving maritime landscape, Singapore spearheads innovative solutions, working alongside the IMO to pave the way towards a more sustainable, digitalised and reliable maritime sector. These include: (i) promoting the early adoption of alternative marine fuels and technologies, for example through conducting fuel trials at the Port of Singapore; (ii) leveraging digital solutions to facilitate the reliable and efficient delivery of maritime services, such as the Just in Time Planning and Coordination Platform (JIT Platform) which provides advance information of vessel schedules in port; and (iii) ensuring the safety and well-being of seafarers via the Maritime Energy Training Facility (METF) which will train and upskill the global maritime workforce in the safe handling of alternative marine fuels. Through these initiatives, Singapore hopes to contribute to strong climate action and futureproofing maritime transportation.

5 Singapore is strongly committed to forging a sustainable and inclusive future for global shipping by leveraging international partnerships and driving productive dialogue amongst all stakeholders to complement the IMO's work in accelerating maritime decarbonisation and digitalisation. As at end 2024, Singapore has established six Green and Digital Shipping Corridors with like-minded ports and countries to develop alternative fuel supply chains, scale green shipping pilot projects, advance digital shipping, and build consensus on global standards. Singapore will continue to work on such initiatives to ensure that the benefits of maritime decarbonisation and digitalisation are accessible to all.

6 As a firm believer in developing and strengthening human capital, Singapore also stands ready to support the IMO and its Member States to develop the next generation of maritime leaders, having benefitted from technical assistance ourselves in the past. In 2025, Singapore will follow through with a second tranche of US\$3 million committed 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.

7 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.

8 It will truly be an honour for Singapore to continue serving the international maritime community through our membership on the IMO Council. Therefore, I deeply appreciate Estonia's 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 this is agreeable, we hope to receive a formal indication of your support soon.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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