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- Enclosures: 1. Guidelines for dealing with impact of the outbreak of the COVID-19 relating to MLC 2006
2. Guidelines for dealing with impact of the outbreak of the COVID-19 relating to relevant IMO conventions

Subject: Guidelines for dealing with impact of the outbreak of the COVID-19

Dear Sir/Madam:

Recognizing that, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19, the industry is facing challenges in meeting statutory requirements stipulated in Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC 2006) and relevant IMO conventions, the MOU-SWG considered and adopted the guidelines for dealing with the circumstances (such as extending periods of service onboard of seafarers, delaying periods for surveys, inspections and audits, etc.) in a pragmatic and harmonized approach throughout the region. The guidelines adopted by the MOU-SWG are attached herewith.

Authorities are invited **to distribute the guidelines provided in this circular letter to all PSC officers** for attention and reference. This circular letter, together with the attachments, is also available on the MOU internal website on internet in PDF format.

The guidelines will be reviewed upon any future initiatives IMO/ILO or developments of the situation.

Yours faithfully,

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