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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978**

Communication received from the Government of Ukraine

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith a communication received from the Government of Ukraine as set out in the annex.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

ANNEX



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The Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization and in accordance with the decision of MSC 101 (MSC 101/24, paragraph 23.28) has the honour to transmit an official letter from Mr. Yevhenii IHNATENKO, Head of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine, dated 05 December 2024, No. 3244/10-1/14-24, addressed to H.E. Mr. Arsenio Antonio Dominguez Velasco, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, concerning the notification of IMO Member States about the verification of seafarers' qualification documents issued by Ukraine and the actions to be taken in case of detection of forged results of such verifications. The Ukrainian Side kindly asks the IMO Secretariat to disseminate this Note Verbal among IMO Member States. The Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Encl.: on 2 pages.

London, 12 December 2024

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Excellency!

On behalf of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine, I have the honour to address you with the following.

The Shipping Administration strictly adheres to international requirements for the training, certification and watchkeeping of seafarers implemented in Ukraine within the framework of national certification regulations.

In accordance with the Regulations on the Ranks of Officers of Seagoing Ships and the Procedure for their Assignment, adopted by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 30.12.2022 No. 1499, Ukrainian certificates of competency, endorsements, certificates of proficiency and dispensations provided for by the 1978 STCW Convention and the 1995 SCTW-F Convention are issued and verified exclusively by the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine.

Allow me to draw Your attention, however, to the recent observation of an increasing number of counterfeiting and fraudulent activities related to the verification of seafarers' qualification documents.

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Considering the foregoing, it would be highly appreciated if the International Maritime Organization could communicate to its Member States that the authentication of seafarers' qualification documents issued by Ukraine is carried out solely at <https://vrf.marad.gov.ua/check-document?lang=en>. Detailed guidance on using the web platform is available in the Rules section.

It should be stressed that the document verification result is issued in PDF format and contains a QR code that redirects an interested person specifically to the link with the domain <https://vrf.marad.gov.ua>.

Conclusively, it is essential to inform the Shipping Administration of the detection of fake verification results by emailing office@marad.gov.ua so that appropriate measures can be taken.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Head



Yevhenii IHNATENKO