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To: All IMO Members  
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Russian Federation**

The Government of the Russian Federation has sent the attached communication, dated 16 July 2023, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
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The Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Maritime Organization presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization and referring to the "Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuffs from Ukrainian ports", signed in Istanbul on 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2022, has the honour to inform of the termination of the aforementioned Initiative on 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 in accordance with its paragraph "H".

As a consequence, the guarantees for the safety of navigation issued by the Russian side will be revoked, functioning of the maritime humanitarian corridor will be wound down, proactive necessary actions and response measures to neutralize threats posed by the Kiev regime in the area will be taken, considering the continued armed provocations thereby and attempts to attack Russian military and civilian objects.

It should be stressed that this comes as a result of the non-fulfillment of obligations under the Black Sea Grain Initiative package agreement. The assessment of this package's implementation had been presented on multiple occasions to the IMO bodies, as well as at the United Nations. This had also

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been set out in detail in numerous official statements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to media.

The Mission of the Russian Federation avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

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London, 16 July 2023