



# COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

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Presidents of MLAs

Dear President

## **Draft International Convention on Foreign Judicial Sale of Ships and their Recognition**

It will be recalled that the CMI concluded its work on the above document in Hamburg in 2014. Since then we have been endeavouring to find an international organisation which would take this work on in order to take it to a diplomatic conference. In July 2017 an approach was made to have this work incorporated on the work programme of UNCITRAL. The Commission sought additional information and suggested "that the CMI might seek to develop and advance the proposal by holding a Colloquium so as to provide additional information to the Commission and allow it to take an informed decision in due course".

I am **attaching** a Save the Date document providing some information about such a Colloquium that the CMI is hosting in Valetta, Malta on 27 February 2018, with the support of Malta's maritime regulator, Transport Malta and the Malta Maritime Law Association. It is not a regular CMI Colloquium. As you will see it is a half day event.

However, I would be grateful if you would inform your members of this event or at least those who you think might have a particular interest in it.

I would also be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of the appropriate government body in your country and in particular to those who attend UNCITRAL meetings. I am also **attaching** a list of the attendees of the UNCITRAL meetings in July this year. The next meeting of the Council of UNCITRAL will be taking place between 25 June and 13 July 2018. The report or communique which is prepared as a result of this Colloquium will be put before the Commission at that time. It is important to have as many countries as possible supporting the proposal that UNCITRAL take on this project. Could you therefore encourage those to whom you speak in your government to send a representative to the Colloquium or, possibly, to authorise a member of your MLA to attend on its behalf.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Hetherington", is written over the typed name.

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