



# COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

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Dear President

## **Colloquium on a Draft International Instrument on Judicial Sales of Ships and their Recognition**

I refer to my letter of 24 November 2017 with which I attached a Save the Date document providing some information about the Colloquium which we are holding at the suggestion of UNCITRAL on 27 February 2018 in Valetta, Malta.

I **attach** further information for you including the following:

1. Programme for the morning meeting on 27 February 2018.
2. Details of accommodation arrangements should you or any of your members be attending, and
3. Form to be completed and sent to the Malta MLA and CMI Administrative Assistant, Evelien Peeters.

If you or any of your colleagues are considering attending this meeting it would greatly contribute to the success of the meeting if you are able to bring with you a member of your government that can influence its decision to support this project at the July meeting of UNCITRAL in New York, or representatives of ship owners, financiers, or potential creditors of shipowners (such as Port Authorities, charterers, shippers and the like).

As I mentioned in my letter of 24 November 2017 the report of this meeting is expected to be influential in persuading UNCITRAL to add this work to its agenda. Therefore the more support for the project, which we are able to obtain from States and stakeholders (such as shipowners, financiers etc), the better.

If you are not intending to attend I would be grateful if you would also bring this material to the attention of your government's personnel who attend UNCITRAL meetings (I attached the list of those who attended the meetings in July this year to my 24 November letter) and urge them to support this project. It seems that not all governments send representatives for the entire period

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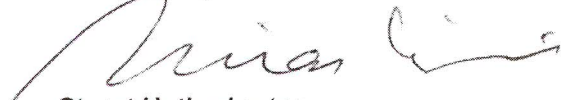
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set aside for such UNCITRAL meetings. It is understood that if your government does not have someone present for the short period of time which will be allotted, (I understand, for the week commencing 9 July) they can make arrangements with the UNCITRAL Secretariat to record their support, notwithstanding their absence.

I would be grateful if you would let me know of any feedback which you receive from your government.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards



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