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Dear Colleague,

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IMO Strategy on greenhouse gases from international shipping

I am delighted to tell you that on 13 April over 100 countries came together at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) headquarters in London to take decisive action to tackle climate change and agreed a global Strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping.

In 2015 the Paris Agreement saw countries commit to national contributions towards the goal of limiting global temperature increases. Aviation and shipping were the only sectors not covered. In 2016 international aviation reached an agreement to offset and reduce emissions. Therefore, this IMO Strategy is a historic moment not only for the maritime community but for the future of our planet.

The Strategy is a momentous step forward for a sector which transports around ninety percent of world trade, and includes:

- A commitment to **phase out GHGs** from international shipping **as soon as possible during this century**.
- A target of **at least 50% reduction, and an aim for 100% reduction, in total GHG emissions** from shipping by **2050**.
- A target of **at least a 40% improvement in carbon intensity of ships by 2030**, pursuing efforts towards **70% in 2050**.
- A list of **possible short-, mid- and long term emission reduction measures** with a commitment to develop a **work-plan for implementation** to deliver emission reductions before 2023.

I am proud to say that the United Kingdom, led by the Department for Transport, was at the forefront of a coalition of high ambition countries working with other Member States, industry and non-governmental organisations to secure an ambitious and credible outcome.

The government is committed to achieving the goal of zero emissions shipping both domestically and globally. This strategy sends a clear signal to the shipping industry that the time for investing in zero emission technologies is now. Through our Maritime 2050 Strategy we will ensure that the United Kingdom continues to be a world-leader in the innovation and development of green maritime technology.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Ghani', written in a cursive style.

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