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ABOUT NEW INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN THE FIELD OF SEAFARERS EMPLOYMENT

Ukraine is one of the world's largest suppliers of seafarers on ships under foreign flags and alteration of international standards of seafarers' work connected with the entry into force on the 20 August 2013 of the International Labour Organization Maritime Labour Convention 2006 will be essential for Ukrainian seafarers. The main aim of the above document is monitoring at every stage - from national systems of protection up to the international system and guaranty the right of seafarers for decent working conditions. Ukraine is already a member of the following three basic conventions governing the international shipping regime: the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW) and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL). Ukraine has all grounds for ratification of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention 2006. Hazards to our seafarers, are asso-

ciated not only with the specifics of maritime transport, but also with a number of political, legal and social issues that require immediate solutions.

Obviously, the authors of the Convention - the representatives of seafarers, ship owners and governments who drawn up and adopted it within the framework of the International Labour Organization, created a new universal tool that is acceptable to all maritime parties, committed to the principles of decent work.

The Convention's entry into force will have consequences not only for the states that have ratified the Convention, but also for those states which have not ratified this international act. Such a legal mechanism was implemented on the ground of the practice of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) regulations, according to which the vessels of any State which has not ratified the MLC 2006 will not be granted more favorable treatment than to vessels flying the flag of a State which has ratified this Convention.