



# COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

## PRESIDENT

5 July 2022

MLA Presidents  
Titulary Members  
Consultative Members

*Re: 30 June 2022 Correspondence Assembly, Judicial Sales of Ships Convention, and Update on 18-21 October 2022 Antwerp Conference*

Dear Presidents, Titulary Members and Consultative Members,

Twenty-two (22) Member Associations (a number well in excess of the minimum prescribed by Article 12 of the CMI Constitution to constitute a quorum) returned their Voting Form by the 24 June 2022 deadline, thereby allowing us to conduct a Correspondence Assembly on 30 June 2022 in compliance with Belgian law. On behalf of the Executive Council, I wish to thank all Member Associations which participated in our Correspondence Assembly.

I am pleased to report all proposed resolutions were agreed unanimously, and the Minutes recording what transpired during these proceedings will be prepared in due course and circulated to Member Associations. In the meantime, I wish to congratulate Giorgio Berlingieri on being re-appointed/re-elected to a second 3-year term on the Nominating Committee, retroactively with effect from 30 September 2021.

As noted in my correspondence of 12 May 2022, several vacancies on the Executive Council and Nominating Committee will need to be filled and elected during the 21 October 2022 Assembly in Antwerp. Thus, the Nominating Committee will be contacting Member Associations in the next few days to solicit nominations for those vacancies and comply with the two-step consultation and nomination process prescribed by Article 26 of the CMI Constitution.

Turning now to the subject of Judicial Sales of Ships, congratulations are very much in order to Ann Fenech, her Co-Chair Henry Li, Past President Stuart Hetherington, Past Executive Councillors Alexander von Ziegler and Tomotaka

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Fujita, and the current and former members of the Judicial Sales of Ships International Working Group on completing a most successful week at UNCITRAL. As some of you may have heard, the UNCITRAL Commission approved the final text of the Judicial Sales of Ships Convention in New York City last week, and is recommending adoption of the Convention by the United Nations General Assembly (at their next meeting in October or November of 2022), with a signing ceremony likely taking place in Beijing next year. Needless to say, an extraordinary amount of hard work by many individuals has been devoted to this project over the past 14 years, and we should all be very proud of the significant milestone achieved this past week.

Last but not least, I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating 125 years of promoting uniformity of maritime law during the CMI's upcoming Conference in Antwerp on 18-21 October 2022. Approximately 200 delegates have registered for the Conference to date, and I am pleased to report the Antwerp Conference Organizing Committee approved earlier today a short extension of the "early bird" registration deadline until midnight (Antwerp time) on 15 July 2022. Please note online registration for the Conference can be accessed via the following link: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=675950&>.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Davis", written in a cursive style.

Christopher O. Davis

cc: Executive Council