



COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

28 September 2020

MLA Presidents
Titulary Members
Consultative Members

Re: *Jan Theunis*

Dear Presidents, Titulary Members and Consultative Members,

It is with profound regret and sadness that I have to pass on to you that another beloved member of the CMI family, Jan Theunis of Belgium, passed away on 22 July 2020, 5 days after celebrating his 70th birthday. Jan was a Titulary Member of the CMI, and had a long and distinguished career as an advocaat in Antwerp where he founded a successful legal practice specializing in maritime, transport and international trade law. He participated in numerous CMI Assemblies, Conferences and Colloquia over the years.

Jan was the author, co-author and editor of several treatises on ship arrest and the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR Convention) published by Lloyd's of London Press. He was actively involved in the Belgian Maritime Law Association, was instrumental in transforming that Association from an *association de fait* into a not-for-profit association, and played a pivotal role in the Legal Committee of the International Road Transport Union (IRU). After retiring from active professional life, he devoted himself to the study of philosophy at the University of Louvain.

Jan is survived by a son, daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren. He will be remembered by his many maritime friends around the world for his

great professional qualities, and his tireless work towards the uniformity of road transport law.

I am conveying my heartfelt condolences and those of the CMI to the Belgian MLA, and asking them to be passed on to Jan's family.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris O. Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a distinct "O" and "D".

Christopher O. Davis

cc: Executive Council