



# COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

## PRESIDENT

18 June 2020

MLA Presidents  
Titulary Members  
Consultative Members

Re: *Pandemics, Classification Societies, Wrongful Arrest and  
Communication from Ecuadorean MLA*

Dear Presidents, Titulary Members and Consultative Members,

I write to you at the request of the Chairs of the International Working Groups on Epidemics and Pandemics (Paul Gill), Classification Societies (Luc Grellet), and Liability for Wrongful Arrest of Ships (Aleka Sheppard), and request your assistance in responding to the Questionnaires prepared by the IWGs which are attached to this correspondence. Our thanks to Paul, Luc and Aleka, as well as the members of their respective IWGs, for all the work that has gone into preparing the Questionnaires. Please note responses to the Questionnaires are due by 31 August 2020, and the Questionnaires (as well as responses thereto) will be made available on the CMI website.

I remind MLA Presidents that the Voting Form for the 30 June 2020 Correspondence Assembly must be returned by no later than Friday, 26 June 2020, in order to allow for a 4-day comment period as mandated by the Belgian Royal Decrees dated 9 and 29 April 2020. I am attaching a communication received from the Ecuadorean MLA dated 15 June 2020, addressing Agenda Item 6 (Executive Council Elections/Re-Appointments), on which Associations should feel free to comment on by 30 June 2020 if deemed necessary or appropriate. As you will recall, the expedited nomination process was necessary to remain in compliance with Belgian law, specifically, the April 2020 Royal Decrees, as explained in my correspondence of 15 May 2020 (and in the Nominating Committee's Report attached thereto).

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I look forward to your participation in the 30 June 2020 virtual Assembly.

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