COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

15th September 2026

Executive Councillors
Presidents of National Maritime Law Associations
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Dear Presidents and friends

Re: Draft Collision Protocol

It is with great pleasure that I attach hereto three documents:

1. Draft Collision Protocol.
2. Draft Consolidated Collision Convention.
3. Draft Explanatory Notes.

The attached have been prepared by the IWG on the Collision Convention under the chairmanship of John O'Connor where all the members of the group have been working very hard indeed to produce this draft protocol to the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law with respect to collisions between vessels 1910.

The purpose of this letter is to ask all NMLAs to review the attached and provide your comments if any and to provide these comments and observations to John O'Connor on email address john.oconnor@langlois.ca and copied to me, at ann.fenech@fenechlaw.com and our Secretary General Angelo Estrella Faria at secretary-general@comitemaritime.org by the 15th November 2026.

The general idea is that we should have final texts ahead of the CMI conference in Valencia which may enable us to put the draft to the vote during our General Assembly in Valencia.

I would like to end this letter by thanking John and all the members of this IWG for their excellent work and perseverance. How fitting it is for the CMI to produce this protocol on its very first convention.

Best regards
Yours sincerely

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