Comité Maritime International
International Working Group CMI Restatement of Marine Insurance Law and Practice
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To the National Law Associations being members of the Comité Maritime International

Dear President,
Dear Madam or Sir,

With this letter, a recently formed new International Working Group (IWG), the IWG CMI Restatement of Marine Insurance Law and Practice, introduces itself to your Association.

As the name of the IWG already indicates, the subject of the new IWG is to prepare a "CMI Restatement of Marine Insurance Law and Practice".

You may recall the recently finished Lex Maritima project of CMI. The idea behind the new work project is similar to that of the Lex Maritima project but goes beyond what was addressed in that project.

Marine insurance laws and practices are deeply rooted in history, dating back to the 16th century. However, as distinct from general maritime law, marine insurance law lacks harmonization by conventions. The 1906 Marine Insurance Act in the UK has had its influence in common law jurisdictions but is largely irrelevant in civil law jurisdictions, which follow their own principles. Nevertheless, anyone working in the field of marine insurance knows that there are universal principles such as the concept of insurable interest, perils insured and uninsured, disclosure, aggravation of risk and many others.

The CMI now has decided to collect and compare marine insurance laws and practices around the world and filter out those principles which have universal acceptance. Different from the Lex Maritima project, this IWG will not only review statutory law and court decisions, but also standard clauses/policies widely used in the respective markets. In this latter context, the IWG concentrates on hull & machinery insurance and cargo insurance.

This is where the IWG needs the support of your MLA. We kindly request you to provide us with texts of statutory marine insurance law as well as standard marine insurance terms in respect of hull & machinery as well as cargo insurance, which are generally used in your markets.

Kindly provide us with the text in their original language. If those texts are available on the internet, we would prefer a link to the respective website, from which we would download the text ourselves. If the texts are not available on the internet, we would appreciate high quality readable PDF files.

Should English not be an official language in your jurisdiction, and should there exist translations from your official language into the English language, we would appreciate if you could provide us with such translations as well, again preferably as internet links, otherwise as PFD files.

We are aware that in common law jurisdictions, there may be no or limited statutory laws, as the law is shaped by the courts. Whilst we should still be grateful to hear from common law jurisdictions with any texts available as requested above, in respect of these jurisdictions, at a later stage, we may revert with a list of principles, derived from our assessment of statutory laws, for which we will request your input from the common law perspective as developed by the courts of the respective jurisdiction.

We would appreciate if you could provide us with the requested links or documentation latest by **30 November 2026.**

Please direct all communications to the Chair Dieter Schwampe (d.schwampe@asd-law.com), the Vice-Chair Joseph Grasso (grasso@grassomoeller.com) and the Rapporteur Jaime Albors (jalbors@alborsgaliano.com).

You can approach any of us with any query you may have in respect of our work and our above requests.

Kind regards

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