



# COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

## PRESIDENT

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Dear friends

I hope that you have had the opportunity of a break this summer and that you are re-energised to carry on with your work and various activities.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about what will be a historic event taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September in Beijing.

As you are aware it was announced at our Montreal Colloquium that the signing ceremony of the Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships will held in Beijing on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

I have been invited to attend the signing ceremony by the Chinese Government as President of the CMI and to give one of the Key Note speeches during a seminar which will be held immediately after the signing ceremony. I am attaching hereto a copy of the programme of the symposium.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce that Prof. Henry Li has also been invited to give another Key Note speech and Peter Laurijssen, President of the Belgian MLA and rapporteur of our IWG on Judicial Sales, has been invited to attend in representation of the International Chamber of Shipping and Lawrence Teh has also been invited to attend as Administrator of CMI. Soren Larsen Deputy Secretary General of BIMCO a Consultative member of CMI has also been invited to give a Key note speech and CMI Exco member Beiping Chu from China has been invited to moderate one of the sessions.

This means that the CMI will be very well represented at this special event reinforcing the very raison d'être of the CMI which is the unification of international maritime law.

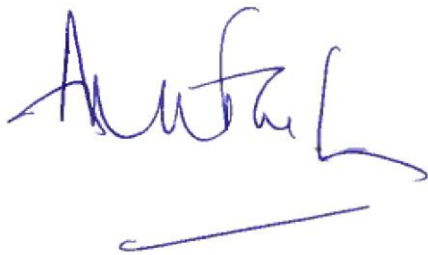
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In the meantime since Montreal our IWG on judicial sales has been working towards ensuring that we maintain maximum pressure to encourage States to ratify this convention. I would again like to reach out to all of you and invite you to engage with your governments with a view to encouraging the governments of your countries to consider the ratification of this important convention.

A number of maritime law associations have organised special events to highlight this Convention which I reported upon in my Presidents report in Montreal (copy attached) and since I last wrote to you on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the Italian Maritime Law Association under the leadership of Giorgio Berlingieri organised a very successful event in Genoa at the impressive Palazzo della Meridiana, which was very well attended and addressed by myself, EU Representative Angele Sears de Bono, Jose Angelo Estrella Faria, Principal Legal Officer and Head Legislative Branch of the Secretariat at UNCITRAL, Prof. Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe and Jan Erik Potschke and Prof. Stefano Zunarelli.

At that same event Angele Sears De Bono made the very important announcement that the EU Commission had just approved a policy to be adopted by the EU Council which will clear the way for EU Member states to be able to ratify the Convention. It is hugely gratifying for the CMI to see how the EU Commission is truly embracing this project to the extent that together with the current Spanish Presidency of the EU, the Commission will on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October be holding an important symposium explaining the importance of the Convention to EU member state representatives with a view to encouraging the same member states to ratify the Convention. Once again I would like to remind you of the Judicial Sales Handbook which was launched in Montreal which contains important information on the Convention, which I am also attaching hereto in electronic format.

Best regards  
Yours sincerely



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