



# COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

## PRESIDENT

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Dear friends,

I hope that those of you who joined us in Montreal enjoyed themselves as much as I did with all that Montreal provided.

A big thank you goes to the Canadian MLA and the entire organising committee for what was a truly wonderful experience. The academic programme was very stimulating indeed and my thanks go to the speakers and moderators who made great efforts in ensuring that their sessions were successful. Apart from that it was of course a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues and make new acquaintances.

We now look forward to Gothenburg in May 2024 and I can confirm that our Swedish colleagues are already at work.

In the meantime there are two items regarding which I would like to attract your attention. In line with what I truly believe is a very important role of CMI as I explained in my opening remarks at the Colloquium, being CMI's role in the ratification process of conventions, we have created two stand alone groups which will be focusing on ratification.

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### Judicial Sales

The Judicial Sales IWG on Judicial Sales having completed its work of taking the Beijing Draft through UNCITRAL culminating in the adoption of the Convention on the International effects of Judicial Sales of Ships on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 has morphed into an IWG on Ratification of the Convention. National maritime law associations are encouraged to organise events, explanatory sessions and seminars aimed at explaining the convention and aimed at encouraging their governments to ratify the Convention after the signing ceremony of the Convention on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September of this year. Each and every member of the IWG is available to assist national maritime law associations with this objective.

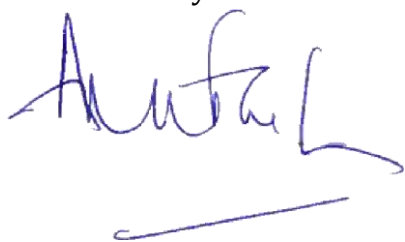
### Rotterdam Rules.

It is rather extraordinary that notwithstanding the fact that the Rotterdam Rules were adopted in 2008, these are not yet in force. Recent efforts have rekindled interest in the ratification of the Rotterdam Rules and the CMI considers it very important indeed to leave no stone unturned in reaching this objective.

Past President Stuart Hetherington has agreed to take on this challenge and has agreed to Chair a standing committee on the ratification of the Rotterdam Rules and I attach hereto a letter from Stuart for your attention.

Best regards

Yours sincerely



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