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Mexico City, April 8th, 2020.

**Comité Maritime International**

**Attn.- Ann Fenech**  
**John Markianos-Daniolos**  
**Lawrence Teh**

**Ref.- Court Procedures in your jurisdictions and flag administrations**

Dear Ann, John and Lawrence,

Thank you for your today letter, hope you, your families, colleagues and friends are safe and healthy. Regarding the questionnaire, please find our replies as follows:

1. Are the Courts in your jurisdiction open and functioning as per normal?

No, Judicial Council ordered Courts to close on March 18th at least until April 19th. The General Health Council has issued a lockdown order for the Government (Executive Branch) until at least April 30th, it is expected that the other two powers (legislative and judicial) will follow same. The judicial terms are suspended during the lockdown period.

2. If not, are there any exceptions to the arrest of ships and / or are other injunctive or enforcement procedures available?

No exceptions for the arrest of ships or other enforcement procedures. The only exceptions are for urgent matters, considering as this fundamental human rights violations (i.e. - life threatening, arrests/detentions, deportation/expulsion, torture matters).

3. Can Judicial Sale of Ships still take place?

No, Judicial Sale of Ships can not take place during lockdown.

4. Do you know how long the Courts in your jurisdiction will be closed for?

At least until April 18th, however it is expected that this period will be extended until at least April 30th.

5. Is the flag registry in your jurisdiction (if applicable) operating as per normal in terms of the registration of ships and registration of mortgages and deletion of same.

No, registry closed on March 19th and will be closed until at least April 30th, 2020.



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6. Has your flag administration issued any special exemptions for the period of the Pandemic?

Special extensions to certificates and seaman books and licenses expiring during the lockdown period have been granted.

Trust that above replies are of assistance and look forward to see you at the Tokyo Conference.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Ignacio L. Melo Ruiz  
President

cc: CMI President - Christopher O. Davis