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Dear friends and colleagues,

As we approach the holiday season and the end of another year our work has simply not let up and our standing committees and IWGs have been producing a great deal of work.

I am attaching hereto two further questionnaires.

One is from Stuart Hetherington Chair of the Standing Committee on the Ratification of the Rotterdam Rules. Your replies are to go directly to Stuart who will be in touch with you in due course. His email address is: stuart.hetherington@cbp.com.au

The other is from Valeria Eboli, Chair of the IWG on Fair Treatment of Seafarers in the event of a maritime accident encompassing a subcommittee on Maritime Law and Refugee Migration at Sea. Please send your replies directly to Valeria. Her email address is: valeria.eboli@yahoo.it.

Unfortunately I also have a sad announcement to make. I have been informed by Peter Laurijssen, the President of the Belgian Maritime Law Association and Exco member, that the doyen of the Belgian Maritime Legal scene Maitre Lionel Tricot has passed away at the age of 103.

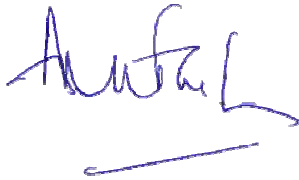
Maitre Tricot was a Titulary Member of the CMI, former President of the Belgian Maritime Law Association, as well as being its oldest member, and at the same time the oldest lawyer of the Antwerp Bar. He is described as being "*truly a monument in maritime law*". He taught maritime law at the universities of both Leuven and Antwerpen and practised maritime law for over 70 years. Only three years ago, at the occasion of the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Belgian Maritime Law Association Maitre Tricot, gave a magnificent speech, standing firm on the rostrum and speaking without a script or any aids.

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On behalf of the CMI I wish to extend our most sincere condolences to his family and to the Belgian MLA.

Finally, please encourage your members to register early for Tokyo to make use of the early bird and book flights and accommodation.

Yours sincerely



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