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Dear Friends

I send you this email to pass on three important messages.

1. *Convention on the International effects of Judicial Sales of Ships.*

As you are all aware, the Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales was signed in Beijing in September of last year. However, the EU had not yet finalised its procedural steps to enable EU Member states to sign the Convention and therefore none were able to attend Beijing to sign the Convention.

The EU finalised all its internal processes and in fact the EU Commission itself signed the Convention in New York on Thursday 14th of March. This is a moment of great celebration. It also means that all EU member states are able to sign the convention in their own right. Belgium which holds the Presidency of the EU Council also signed the Convention together with the EU Commission on the 14th of March.

Malta has always been one of the main proponents of the Convention and the Maltese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in liaison with the Comite Maritime International and UNCITRAL has decided to organise a high level celebration in Malta on the 19th of June. Part of the celebration will be the opportunity for States to sign the Convention in Malta. The Maltese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in liaison with the Comite Maritime International and the Secretariat at UNICTRAL have been successful in their approaches with the Treaty Section of the United Nations which has agreed that on a one off exceptional basis the Treaty book will be taken from the UN building in New York and brought to Malta. The celebration and signing of the Convention by all States interested in signing the Convention will take place in the presence of the Under Secretary General of the United Nations and United Nations Legal Counsel Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares who will be coming to Malta specially for this occasion.

Needless to say it is very important indeed that as many States as possible attend and sign the Convention in Malta on the 19th of June. I am attaching hereto a "Concept Note" which has accompanied the Notes Verbal sent to each and every Ambassadorial representation to Malta. The event in Malta is intended to be a very high level event

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with the main participants being State representatives and Members of the Diplomatic Corps.

May I urge you to immediately reach out to your own government representatives with a view to encouraging them to sign the Convention in Malta.

As per my opening remarks at our last Colloquium in Montreal, the work of the CMI is only half done when it manages to get an international legislative body to adopt its drafts. The second half of its mission is getting States to sign the Convention with a view to ratification.

Needless to say we are delighted with this development.

2. Gothenburg Colloquium

Preparations for the Gothenburg Colloquium are in full swing. We have made tremendous progress meeting on a weekly basis and getting geared up for a most memorable event. I attach hereto the latest draft programme. I am sure you will agree that it is a very exciting programme which has just the right dose of top level academic content with enough time for lighter moments.

May I thank our Gothenburg colleagues under the leadership of Paula Backden, President of the Swedish MLA for their hard work and all the organising committee which includes Rosalie, Evelien, Lawrence and Frank and of course the on site conference organisers.

Registrations have come in thick and fast however we never have enough and I would like to encourage all of you to encourage your members to register for this event in beautiful Gothenburg and to join the CMI family. You can register on: <https://cmi24.confetti.events/signup>,

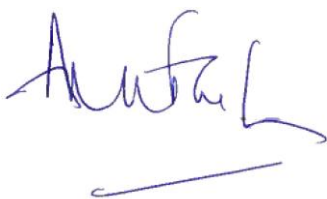
3. Happy Easter

Last but not least, I would like to wish you and all your dear families and friends a very happy and peaceful Easter and may you all have some well deserved time off and down time.

Finally may I ask you to please circulate this message to all your members.

Best regards

Yours sincerely



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