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# Denmark for IMO Council 2024-2025

*Promoting green shipping for a  
sustainable future*

Denmark has submitted its candidature for re-election to the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in Category “C”, and would be honored to enjoy the trust of other IMO Member States for a new term. As a dedicated IMO Member State, Denmark is committed to the mandate of IMO and will, if elected, work in accordance with this mandate to further the listed aims below.

Facilitating more than fifty international instruments, IMO has been at the epicenter of global maritime regulation since its establishment. As the technology advances in the maritime sector become increasingly fast paced, IMO must keep pace. IMO should establish efficient and cross-cutting working methods and a goal-based legislative framework, while strictly adhering to the principles of good governance, in order to...



# **Safeguard and develop global supply chains**

The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted that international shipping is essential for global supply chains. IMO should support well-functioning interlinkages between land and sea. For example, by enabling a smooth and encompassing framework for ship reporting that is digital by default to alleviate unnecessary burdens on the shipping sector and the seafarers alike.

# **Promote green and sustainable shipping for a blue future**

A continued strong focus on mitigating the environmental footprint from international shipping and an effective response to climate change, in order to ensure that the marine life in our oceans will continue to thrive. This includes heeding the calls for reductions in international shipping's GHG emissions as well as environmentally sustainable methods and technologies by furthering innovative ship design and using the best available technology. Moreover, IMO must promote the green transition of the global blue economy, including new economic opportunities for all Member States, in particular the Small Island Developing States and the Least-Developed Countries.

# **Ensure high standards of health, safety and training for our seafarers**

The seafarer of today must be able to meet the challenges of tomorrow. The growing demand for maritime competence and qualified seafarers makes it imperative to ensure that maritime education is future proof, and that recruitment is supported by positive stories about life at sea. Meanwhile, the leaders of the global commercial fleets must become fully equipped to foster a working environment onboard where everybody feels safe. This includes strong risk and safety assessment competencies in regards to handling new fuels and digital technologies. Efforts must be made on all of these points to make a maritime career attractive – thus ensuring a continued growth of the global fleet.



# **Improve safety and security in the maritime sector**

Safety and security is imperative to the maritime industry and must be mainstreamed throughout the work of IMO. For example, the work on new alternative low- and zero-carbon fuels, the safety of seafarers, passengers, ships as well as land based facilities and personnel must be addressed actively in all work processes. This includes ensuring the necessary competencies, skills and knowledge for seafarers. Meanwhile, IMO should continue to effectively address existing and emerging safety and security issues, including preventing container loss at sea as well as increasing threats of cyber-attacks.

# **Guarantee inclusiveness for all Member States through capacity-building and reduction of administrative burdens**

With a growing number of Member States and increasing technical and regulative developments, IMO must strengthen bilateral and regional partnerships to facilitate uniform, global implementation of IMO instruments. Furthermore, IMO should ensure inclusiveness of all Member States by for instance reducing administrative burdens. For example by ensuring phase-in periods for new certificates and abolishing unnecessary reporting requirements in GISIS.



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