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Dear All,

ASA Secretariat would like to provide a brief summary of the ICS Board Meeting together with representatives from ASA and ECSA from 1200 noon GST on 22 June (DAY 1). Approximately 51 participants joined the meeting chaired by Mr Esben Poulsson. ASA was represented by ASA SG and the undersigned.

There were discussions on recent developments on the crew change crisis and vaccination of seafarers. Cases have been reported of seafarers who were vaccinated refusing to work with seafarers who were not vaccinated.

The results of MEPC76 took place in the previous week (10 to 17 JUN 2021) were reported as;

- i) MARPOL Annex VI amendments were adopted, that will require ALL ships including existing vessels to calculate their EEXI and to establish CII rating to reduce their GHG emissions. **The new rules will be coming into effect from 1 JAN 2023.**
- ii) Establishment of USD 5 billion IMRF was not agreed and to be discussed at MEPC77 coming NOV.

It was decided in the meeting that ICS should start working on detailed proposal for a IMO Market Based Measure (MBM) under the topic of CO2 Reduction issues. The ICS Long Term Measures (GHG) Working Group will use the financial mechanism in the IMRB-proposal as a basis and evaluate/consider other types of designs of MBM.

ICS deputy SG summarised on the CO2 target and the possibility of 2050 target revision and provided a clearer understanding of the 'Carbon Neutral' versus the 'Net-zero Carbon'.

There will be another session of the ICS Board meeting on 23 June 2021 at the same timing and we will update all our members on the proceedings.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned for any further assistance.

Thank you and warmest regards,
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