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To all Owners, Managers  
and Representatives  
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

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**Subject: Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the State of Israel on Merchant Shipping**

I wish to refer to the above mentioned subject and to inform you that an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the State of Israel on Merchant Shipping was signed in Nicosia on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010. This Agreement was published in the Official Gazette No. 4118, Supplement VII, dated 29 January 2010.

The most important provisions of this Agreement are the following:

(a) Each Contracting Party shall afford to vessels of the other Contracting Party the same treatment as it affords to its own vessels engaged in international voyages in respect of free access to its ports, use of its ports for loading and unloading of cargoes, for embarking and disembarking passengers, payment of dues, in accordance with its national laws and regulations and for exercising normal commercial operations and use of services related to navigation (**Article 6**).

(b) The Contracting Parties shall adopt, within the limits of their respective laws and regulations, all appropriate measures to reduce unnecessary delays to vessels in their ports and to simplify, as far as possible, the carrying out of administrative, customs and sanitary formalities applicable in these ports (**Article 7**).

(c) Each of the Contracting Parties shall recognize the identity documents issued by the appropriate authorities of the other Contracting Party to members of the crew who are nationals of that Contracting Party (**Article 9**).

(d) During the time a vessel of one Contracting Party is in a port of the other Contracting Party, each crew member shall be permitted shore leave in the territory of the municipality to which



the port belongs, as well as in the territories of adjacent municipalities, without visa being required, provided that this person can show a relevant identity document (**Article 10**).

(e) For the safe manning of vessels of the one Contracting Party with qualified personnel, shipowners of that Contracting Party may engage, in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations, qualified nationals of the other Contracting Party. The terms of employment of such nationals on these vessels shall be approved by the appropriate authorities of the seamen's country. In this regard both Contracting Parties shall exert their best efforts to ensure that these terms of employment are adhered to (**Article 13**).

(f) If a vessel of one Contracting Party is shipwrecked, runs aground, is cast ashore, or suffers any other casualty off the coast of the territory of the other Contracting Party, the vessel and the cargo shall enjoy in the territory of the latter Contracting Party the same benefits and privileges and accept the same liabilities of a vessel of that Contracting Party and its cargo in a similar case. The crew and passengers as well as the vessel itself and its cargo shall be granted at any time help and assistance to the same extents as in the case of a national vessel (**Article 16**).

The above Agreement will enter into force on 23 March 2011.



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- PEO Trade Union
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