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To respected shipowners (ship managers) worldwide

Dear Sirs, Madams

On 24 February 2022, the Russian Federation with the assistance of the Republic of Belarus commenced a full-scale war against Ukraine. Armed forces of the Russian Federation are attacking the entire territory of Ukraine and intentionally killing civilians, including children and elderly people. Russia is bombing houses, maternity hospitals, kindergartens, ambulances, and civilian vehicles in Ukraine.

The actions of the Russian Federation constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity. Newly found scenes of terror in the cities of Bucha, Hostomel', Irpin', Mariupol and Kharkiv clearly show that the war against Ukraine has turned into genocide against the Ukrainian people.

The atrocities that are being openly and indiscriminately committed in Ukraine violate the United Nations Charter, Helsinki Accords, European Convention on Human Rights, Geneva Conventions, and in general any and all established norms and principles of international law.

The Russian army is grossly breaching the Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949. The world unanimously reacted to the war in Ukraine urging the Russian Federation to stop military actions and withdraw the troops. Numerous international organizations strongly condemned the violence, aggression and crimes of the Russian Federation in Ukraine. With their silent or open consent, Russian shipowners and seafarers' organizations support and encourage the actions of Dictator Putin.



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The UK has become the first country to pass a law involving a total BAN of ALL ships with ANY russian connection whatsoever from entering British ports. Shipping giants including Switzerland-based MSC, Denmark's Maersk and France's CMA CGM all announced that they would halt cargo bookings to and from russia.

International business groups, sports federations, media resources, art and cinema productions, and other sectors stop any and all cooperation with the russian government or its citizens.

Russian citizens should not be allowed to enjoy the benefits of the western world while their country is bombing Ukrainian cities.

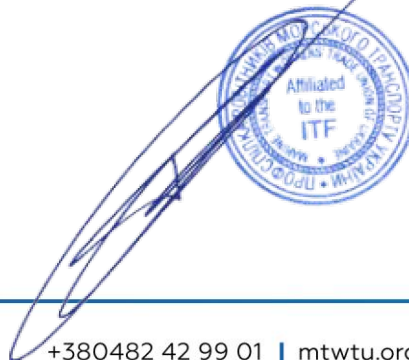
Being part of the global maritime industry we are fully aware of the complications and lack of qualified officers in the world maritime market, nevertheless, we believe that it is the duty of each and every socially responsible shipping Company and Manager to deprioritize the deployment of russian seafarers on board of their ships.

We urge you to cease deployment of russian seafarers onboard your good vessels as soon as possible, and prioritize Ukrainian officers and ratings, giving them a chance to supply their families and support financially resistance of Ukraine against russian aggression.

We emphasize that use of russian labour along with the payment of their wages will contribute to the economy of russia and, consequently, the killing of Ukrainian citizens - children, women, seniors.

Glory to Ukraine!

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