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To all affiliates representing Seafarers & Dockers

ITF E-Circular No. 080/D/S/2022

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Dear Colleagues

Re: Repatriation of Ukrainian seafarers

Sadly, the continuing military aggression in Ukraine has proved to be negatively affecting the processes of recruitment, travel, repatriation and associated CBA entitlements as far as Ukrainian crews are concerned. Specifically, it has undermined to a great extent the ability of employer companies to organise and fulfil to the letter of the CBA and SEA transportation requirements for off-signing seafarers to any final repatriation destination within Ukraine.

In this connection, responding to the request of our Ukrainian affiliate, Maritime Transport Workers Trade Union of Ukraine (MTWTU), the ITF and the JNG have agreed recommendations regulating various aspects of signing off and repatriating Ukrainian seafarers ([Annex 1](#)). These recommendations are an amendment to the respective provisions of the IBF Framework CBA and will apply for as long as the situation remains.

Similar guidelines should apply to all CBAs based on the ITF Uniform TCC Agreement and to the ITF Standard Agreement covering Ukrainian seafarers.

The ITF will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as appropriate.

In solidarity

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