



Commemoration of the First World War Centenary

28 June 2014

Vessel operators' and agents' attention is drawn to the following:

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has requested UN Members to assist and cooperate in implementing their initiative to commemorate the event that triggered the First World War on 28 June 1914.

In this context, UNESCO has requested that on 28 June 2014, all vessels at sea, if practical, to fly ship's flags/ensigns at half mast, to indicate mourning in remembrance of the Centenary of World War I.

UNESCO has further requested that vessels moored in harbours are encouraged to use a remembrance sound signal on the same day as may be decided and permitted by the local port authorities, at 1700 UTC (1900 Middle European Time/MET), being the hour of the first shot fired in the conflict, to commemorate the Centenary.

To facilitate the above, the IMO Secretary-General has issued a circular, SN.1/circ.323 (attached for your reference), inviting Member Governments to bring the information to the attention of all parties concerned.

We are sure you will agree that it is a commemorative event worthy of similar support as to the annual Remembrance Day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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