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SUBJECT MATTER: Guidance on migratory control of seafaring crew. Exceptional treatment in the face of the new coronavirus pandemic - covid 19.

TEXT TO BE TRANSMITTED

Considering the terms of the verbal note presented by the Embassy of India in Brazil reporting the interruption of the issuance of the seafarers' license to its nationals under the terms of OIT Convention No. 185 due to the pandemic of the new coronavirus - covid 19 since March this year;

Considering that the limitations described by India result in the subsistence of a significant number of Indian seafarers still carrying an identity issued under OIT Convention No. 108;

Considering the result of the meeting held with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil MFA regarding the said verbal note, in which the reasonableness of the request submitted by India was recognized;

Considering that, currently, a proposal for a resolution is being debated, within the framework of the OIT, whereby countries will be urged, as far as possible, to flexibilize their controls so as to temporarily accept documents from both conventions dealing with Seafarers' identity documents;

Considering the absence of a serious migratory risk resulting from temporary flexibility and the exception of acceptance of identity documents of seafarers issued under the terms of OIT Convention No. 108; and

Considering the prognosis that other countries, signatories to OIT Convention No. 185, suffer the same limitations in the process of issuing the identity of seafarers to their nationals under the terms of this pact, and, for this reason, still maintain a significant number of identity holders seafarers issued under OIT Convention No. 108;

This General Coordination advises that:

1. Exceptionally, until June 15, 2021, a seafarer's identity document prepared under the terms of OIT Convention No. 108 is allowed.
2. The exceptional flexibility described above will apply only to seafarers who are nationals of signatory countries to OIT Convention No. 185.
3. The terms of MOC CGPI n° 49, of October 22, 2020, remain valid and in force, the application of which, as of this publication, should be adapted to the flexibilization herein.
4. Due to the recognition of the difficulties faced by India and other countries in similar conditions that culminated in this guideline, the infraction notices eventually drawn up due to the impediment of their seafarers to enter because they are carrying an identity produced under the terms of OIT Convention no. 108 are subject to review, either in a craft or on appeal grade, according to the understanding of the competent authority (responsible for its drawing up and legal review).

5. As the deadline in item 1 approaches, the situation will be subject to review by this General Coordination and by the MFA team.

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