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Dear Mr. O'Neil,

As you kindly suggested to us in your last letter of 10th July, we International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) have recently conducted a "Follow-up" survey among our member ports and subsequently made a summary report on the latest progress of compliance with the revised SOLAS Convention and ISPS Code implementation.

Attached herewith, I am pleased to submit, on behalf of all the IAPH membership, the report for your perusal, and to further seek for your re-confirmation on our representation to appeal our stances and opinions at the coming IMO Assembly scheduled to be held from 24th November.

As you will find in the report, while we could be proud to say that the majority of our responding ports have been making good progress in general terms, we still see some points on which respective contracting governments are strongly requested to take prompt actions to the success of the required implementations by the deadline date. Among others, timely enactment of relevant legislation and related procedures should be one of the critical factors for all the ports to meet the requirements to full extent.

Apart from that, we would appreciate it if you would further encourage contracting governments to consider significant assistance, both in financial and technical terms, to ports under their jurisdiction.

In addition to these requests toward contracting governments, by making full use of its advantage as being an international association, IAPH itself has also been determined to launch an internal scheme to share information and know-how among our membership world-wide, with the aim to assisting those developing ports who may have difficulty to obtain such information/know-how locally. Your consideration on support to such an attempt would be highly appreciated.

Thank you once again for your warm attention and encouragement to our activities, and we look forward to your full support to our request mentioned above as well as your kind confirmation on our presentation at the upcoming Assembly.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Inoue", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Satoshi Inoue
Secretary General, IAPH

Enclosed: Follow-up Report on compliance with the revised SOLAS Convention & ISPS Code