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To: IMO Delegation

Iakwe and greetings Excellencies and colleagues,

**Invitation to Support MEPC77/7/3: RESOLUTION ON ZERO EMISSIONS
NO LATER THAN 2050**

It is my privilege, on behalf of my colleagues from Kiribati and Solomon Islands, to invite your esteemed delegations to consider adding your support to the attached draft resolution submitted by our delegations to MEPC77.

The findings of the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report could not be clearer and fill us, the most vulnerable to this climate emergency, with alarm. Humanity is at a tipping point. Without immediate and decisive action to now peak and rapidly reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of all sectors, states and cultures such as ours will be consigned to history.

The IPCC reports offer us all a very narrow window of opportunity to swiftly react and avert a total disaster, but the action must be decisive and extensive. At IMO we have an absolute responsibility to demonstrate our collective commitment to lead the decarbonization of this international sector. We need to send the global community a very clear signal ahead of COP26 that this sector is committed to playing its full role in a global decarbonization transition that keeps 1.5 degrees squarely on the table.

We assure you of our delegations ongoing commitment to serve as responsible members of the global family and to continue to work constructively and positively in striving for an equitable transition to a decarbonized shipping sector that is to the mutual benefit of all communities. In facing this emergency we are all very much in the same global canoe. With our proposed resolution we are beseeching all to paddle hard and in unison.

I thank you in advance for your kind considerations in this matter and we welcome your support at MEPC77 and invite all to consider sponsoring commenting papers to this critical debate.

Kommol tata,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tregar Albon Ishoda', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Tregar Albon Ishoda
Ambassador