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## INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUPS

Dear Presidents of the NMLAs, Titulary Members and Consultative Members,

Further to the enlightening Open Session which took place in London on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018, organised by the CMI/IWG for the Wrongful Arrest of Ships, it was agreed that a Questionnaire be circulated to those attendees and to individual lawyers who are members of the NMLAs.

This is a pilot exercise from which we hope to ascertain, after the analysis of results of the answers, what recommendations to make to the CMI as to whether further action should be taken by the CMI on this project.

We appreciate that this method deviates from the standard practice of the CMI when it seeks to obtain answers to a Questionnaire from NMLAs, but it was decided that the purpose of this pilot project justifies this approach.

It is very important that this questionnaire is circulated to your respective lawyer members requesting their responses to the questions by 31 August 2019, so that the sample for this pilot study is as representative as it can be and the results of the study are presented during the CMI colloquium in Mexico next October.

The questions derive from the transcript of the session which was held on 9/11. It has been the request of those attendees to carry out this type of investigation.

We would be most grateful if you could do your utmost to assist in this purpose and ask your members to email their answers to the Rapporteurs of the IWG: Edmund Sweetman: [esweetman@icasf.net](mailto:esweetman@icasf.net), and Prof. Dr. George Theoharidis: [gt@wmu.se](mailto:gt@wmu.se), who will collate and analyse the responses.

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