



COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT

25 July 2017

Presidents of NMLAs

Dear President

I **attach** the Report of the Nominating Committee. I will be forwarding the Agenda and further materials for the Assembly meeting to be held on 8 September 2017 in Genoa later this week.

Yours faithfully

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COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL
CHAIR OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the Nominating Committee

13 July 2017

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 15 of the CMI Constitution, I wrote, as Chair of the Nominating Committee (the Committee), to all Member Associations (NMLAs) on 5 June 2017, advising that the Secretary General was standing down and that the term of one Executive Councillor, Ann Fenech, was coming to an end, and that she was willing to serve for a second term. I also notified NMLAs that the Executive Council had nominated Rosalie Balkin as Secretary General. Finally, I asked that the NMLAs propose candidates for nomination for the one vacant position of Executive Councillor following the expiry of Jorge Radovich's second term, or for any other Officer. As a result, the following three candidates were proposed as an Executive Councillor:

1. Dr Aurelio Fernandez-Concheso (Venezuelan Maritime Law Association)
2. Mr VJ Matthews (Indian Maritime Law Association)
3. Mr Peter Gad Naschitz (Israel Maritime Law Association)

I wrote to NMLAs again on 21 June 2017 to solicit the NMLAs' views concerning the election of Rosalie Balkin, the re-election of Ann Fenech and the three candidates proposed for the vacant position on the Executive Council.

The Committee has received responses from the NMLAs of the following countries:

Argentina, Australia and New Zealand, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malta, Panamá, Peru, Poland, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

There has been unanimous support for the election of Rosalie Balkin as Secretary General and the re-election of Ann Fenech as Executive Councillor.

With respect to the vacant position of Executive Councillor, nineteen of the NMLAs supported Dr Aurelio Fernandez-Concheso, four Mr Peter Gad Naschitz and two Mr VJ Matthews.

The role of the Committee is to provide guidance to the NMLAs who will vote at the General Assembly, and to nominate the candidates whose election would, on balance and in the Committee's view, be in the best interests of the CMI. This is never an easy task, especially when all the candidates are well qualified.

The nomination is made taking into account the requirements of Article 14 of the Constitution, which provides that: "*Executive Councillors must be elected upon individual*

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merit, also giving due regard to balanced representation of the legal systems and the geographical areas of the world characterised by the Members Associations”.

Having carefully considered the experience and contribution of the three candidates, the Committee has decided to nominate Dr Aurelio Fernandez-Concheso for the vacant position. Not only has he received the overwhelming support from the NMLAs, which is not decisive when taken in isolation, but his election would also provide a balanced geographical representation on the Executive Council.

Accordingly the Nomination Committee nominates:

1. Rosalie Balkin as Secretary General
2. Ann Fenech for re-election as Executive Councillor
3. Dr Aurelio Fernandez-Concheso to fill the vacant position as Executive Councillor.

The Nominating Committee



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