Dear Sir,

**Enrolment of Students at WMU in 2016: MSc in Maritime Affairs, with new specializations**

I am pleased to invite nominations of students to join the next class at the World Maritime University (WMU), a university established under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations.

Over the last three decades, WMU has earned global recognition as an international centre of excellence for postgraduate maritime and ocean education and research for the world community. Our graduates have taken up senior positions around the globe in governments, maritime administrations, port administrations, shipping management, academic institutions and media organizations. They participate in maritime affairs both nationally and internationally, and have a particularly strong representation at IMO.

The students who join WMU in 2016 follow an intensive postgraduate programme lasting 14 months. The standard MSc starts each year in September, with graduation in November the following year. The pre-sessional English and Study Skills programme starts each year in June. For the first time, students will be able to join one of our two new specializations, designed to respond to the demands of the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

**Maritime Energy Management** and **Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management.**

These are unique, ground-breaking programmes that provide the knowledge that will be needed today and in the future. In addition, WMU will continue to offer its highly recognized specializations in Maritime Law & Policy; Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration; Maritime Education & Training; Port Management; and Shipping Management & Logistics. Full details of the programme content and structure, application procedures and fees and costs are given in the enclosed Academic Handbook. The application material can be found on our website: [www.wmu.se](http://www.wmu.se)

A number of donor fellowships are available, but these are limited to government employees from the least-developed countries. If you wish to apply for these awards for your nominee(s), then it is very important that the applications are submitted electronically to the University by mid-January 2016 to maximize the chance of success. More than half the University’s students are now funded by their employer, government, from State scholarship providers, or from personal resources. We therefore advise all nominating authorities to explore every possible national source of funding.

I am delighted to invite you once again to nominate qualified candidates to enrol at the World Maritime University. If your country has been under-represented at WMU, we particularly welcome your applications. We look forward to receiving your applications, so that students from your country can benefit from the highly regarded advanced maritime and ocean education that is offered by WMU.

Yours sincerely,

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President