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Dear Friends,

**Outcome of the Fifth Meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the MLC, 2006, as amended
(Geneva, 7-11 April 2025)**

Following on a tough week of debate, and opposition by a number of governments, I am pleased to share with you the amendments to the MLC voted and agreed on at the ILO Special Tripartite Committee STC V, in Geneva from 7-11 April 2025.

[Text of the amendments adopted on 11 April 2025 | International Labour Organization](#)

In addition to the amendments, which will enter into force in two years' time, four important resolutions were also adopted by the meeting:

[Resolution on the Extension of the Mandate of the Joint ILO/IMO Tripartite Working Group \(JTWG\)](#)

[Resolution on Recognizing Seafarers as Key Workers](#)

[Resolution proposing amendments to the Convention on the Facilitation of International Marine Traffic, 1965, as amended, to reflect amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, decided at the Fifth Meeting of the ILO Special Tripartite Committee concerning shore leave](#)

[Resolution concerning the convening of a meeting of the Joint ILO-IMO Tripartite Working Group to identify and address Seafarers' Issues and the Human Element on hours of work and hours of rest](#)

I would like to thank the Seafarers Group Spokesperson, Mark Dickinson, for his dedication and continuous attention to detail, which together with his eloquent arguments and the excellent support of the Seafarers Group delegates, managed to sail through a difficult environment to succeed in securing tangible results for the global seafarers' family.

Full details of the STC are available at [Fifth Meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee established under the Maritime Labour Convention | International Labour Organization](#)

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