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## **IMLI ANNOUNCES THE RECOGNITION OF ITS MASTER'S DEGREE BY THE MALTA NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Institute wishes to announce that the Malta National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE) has recognized the Institute's Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree. Its comparability report concluded that the LL.M. conferred by IMLI meets the standards of a Master's Degree at Malta Qualifications Framework Level 7.

It should be recalled that the Institute is an international organization established in 1988 by a Statute promulgated by the IMO and was set up in Malta under an international agreement concluded between the IMO and the Government of Malta. Its mission is to enhance capacity-building in all States, particularly developing States, to contribute to the fulfilment of the IMO objectives thereby promoting safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation.

IMLI appreciates the efforts of the Government of Malta, and in particular of the NCFHE and its accreditation division, to implement the decision of the 2019 IMO Assembly urging governments to recognize the degrees conferred by the Institute.



*Mr. Lawrence Azzopardi (Head, NCFHE) with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and the IMLI Class of 2019-2020*

Mr. Lawrence Azzopardi (Head of Accreditation of the NCFHE) observed that, since IMLI is an international institution, it does not fall within the remit of the NCFHE. However, after an evaluation carried out by independent academic experts, *"the NCFHE recognises that the Master's degree conferred by IMLI has reached the standards of a Master's Degree at MQF Level 7 pursuant to the Subsidiary Legislation 327.433 Further and Higher Education (Licensing, Accreditation and Quality Assurance) Regulations."*

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