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## **THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF IMLI**

During a ceremony held at the IMO Headquarters on 25 February 2025, the Honourable Mr. Chris Bonnett MP (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works) presented a letter of enhanced support to the Institute by the Maltese Government to Mr. Arsenio Domínguez Velasco (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board).





*From R-L: Mr. Kurt Farrugia (CEO, Transport Malta), Mr. Arsenio Domínguez Velasco (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board), Honourable Mr. Chris Bonnett MP (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)*

This ceremony was held in the presence of Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Mr. Aaron Farrugia (Permanent Representative of Malta to the IMO; Member, IMLI Governing Board), Mr. Kurt Farrugia (CEO, Transport Malta), Mr. Bjorn Callus (Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works), and Ms. Stephanie Bonello (Chief of Staff of the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works).

The Maltese Government has been an ardent supporter of the Institute even before the beautiful premises, where IMLI is located, were built. Upholding the idea of the Institute's founders, the Maltese Government believed then and continues to do so now in IMLI's important role in enhancing capacity-building worldwide, especially in developing countries in all aspects of international maritime law.



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Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the IMLI staff, sincerely express their deepest appreciation to the Government of Malta for its unwavering support to the Institute and its capacity-building initiatives. Their continued assistance plays a pivotal role in advancing IMLI's mission of providing quality education in international maritime law and training the maritime leaders of tomorrow.

## ITF SEAFARER'S TRUST HOLDS AN IMLI / WMU ALUMNI DISCUSSION MEETING

The ITF Seafarers' Trust held online on 25 February 2025 a joint ITF Seafarer's Trust IMLI and WMU Alumni discussion meeting. Mr. Abdulgani Serang (Programme Development Manager, ITF Seafarers' Trust, UK), Ms. Katie Higginbottom (Head, ITF Seafarers' Trust) and other senior officials from the ITF Seafarer's Trust led the discussion meeting. Mr. Fabrizio Barcellona (ITF Inland and Seafarers Section Coordinator) was the guest speaker during this event.

The topic of discussion was the proposed amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 in preparation of the April 25 meeting in Geneva of the ILO Special Tripartite Committee.

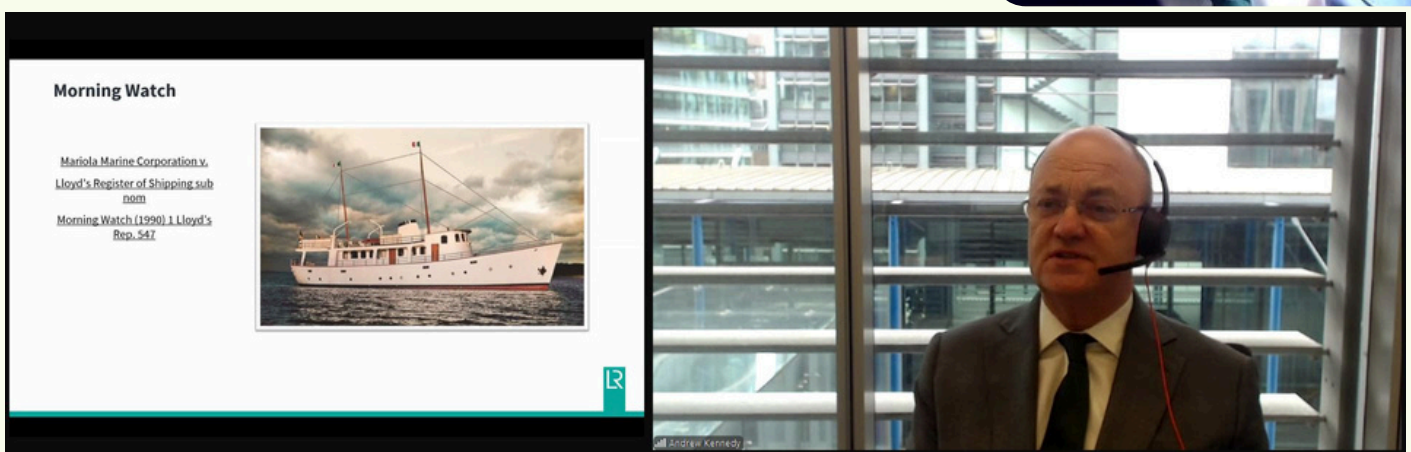


*Speakers and Alumni hailing from both IMLI and WMU that attended this discussion meeting*

## LLOYD'S REGISTER'S GLOBAL HEAD OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND COMPLIANCE LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming again, Mr. Andrew Kennedy (Lloyd's Register's Global Head of Dispute Resolution and Compliance). Mr. Kennedy was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI).

Following his introduction, Mr. Kennedy proceeded to deliver an online lecture entitled "*The Legal Position of Marine Classification Societies*".



*Mr. Kennedy delivering his presentation*



## H.E. AMBASSADOR OF PERU TO MALTA VISITS IMLI

H.E. Mr. Manuel José Antonio Cacho-Sousa Velazquez (Ambassador of Peru to Malta) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 27 February 2025.

Ambassador Cacho-Sousa Velazquez was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who introduced him to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025. Ambassador Cacho-Sousa Velazquez, who was joined by Mr. Miguel Fuentes Cervantes (Counsellor, Embassy of Peru to Malta), and Director Martínez Gutiérrez held a meeting to discuss possible future cooperation, especially in the light of the Memorandum of Understanding between IMLI and the General Directorate of Captaincies and Coastguard (DICAPI).



*H.E. Mr. Manuel José Antonio Cacho-Sousa Velazquez (Ambassador of Peru to Malta) meeting the IMLI students*



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