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Международная федерация транспортников
التنظيم عالمياً، النضال من أجل حقوقنا

To all affiliated unions in Bangladesh

OGS/SMC/ckr

27 March 2015

Dear Colleagues,

We have received an application for affiliation from the following union:

Bangladesh Merchant Marine Officers' Association
House No. 1, Road No. 1, Lane No. 4, Block No. 6
Halishahar Housing Estate
Chittagong 4100

President: Zillur Rahman Bhuiyan
General Secretary: A S M Arifuzzaman

The application has been made on behalf of 4,450 members (seafarers). In accordance with the ITF Constitution, you are invited to comment on the application and, in particular, to say whether or not you think it should be accepted.

If you object to the affiliation, please explain your reasons, which should be framed taking account of the conditions of eligibility for membership under Rule II of the Constitution, and in particular:

- (a) *whether or not the union's constitution and practice ensure democratic conduct of its affairs, i.e. if it is a genuine free trade union, free from government or employer influence;*
- (b) *whether there are good reason to believe that the union will not cooperate in carrying out the decisions of the ITF governing bodies;*
- (c) *whether the union's conduct in the past has demonstrated that it will not contribute to establishing and promoting close relations among trade union organisations in transport as prescribed in Rule I, paragraph 3(a) of the ITF Constitution.*

Please let me have any comments you wish to make as soon as possible. Unless we hear from you by **Friday 24 April 2015**, we will assume that there are no objections to this application.

Yours fraternally,

Stephen Cotton
General Secretary

cc: JPW, MS