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Subject: Seeking your urgent support for helping 11 Bangladeshi Seamen stranded in vessel Diamond 8 at the outer anchorage of the Zamboanga Port.

Dear Mr. Aguinaldo,

As decided, I went to brief you on the subject this morning at your office but could not reach you. I will come back again suitably.

Meanwhile I would like to inform that a Chinese flag merchant ship named MV DIAMOND 8 loaded with Rice sailed from Vietnam sometimes on 13 April 2018 for Philippines. Philippine Navy arrested the vessel from sea because of not having legal documents of the cargo and handed the vessel with crew over to the Customs Authority Philippines. The vessel is now at the inner anchorage, Zamboanga port of Philippines.

There are eleven Bangladeshi crew on board. The captain and the owner are from China. Bangladeshi crew are innocent and not involved in any kind of illegal operation. Bangladeshi crew joined the vessel for job only. Bangladeshi crew are now waiting onboard and sought help of this Embassy for repatriation.

In view of the above, we request ITF, Philippines to kindly intervene so that the Bangladeshi crew could be immediately released and be repatriated to Bangladesh. Enclosed kindly find the passport copy of the 11 stranded Bangladeshi Seafarers.

Kindly consider the matter urgent on humanitarian ground.

Thank you in an anticipation.

with regards,

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