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**RECOMMENDATION LETTER**

**Subject: A Study on social aspects within the maritime transport sector**

To whom it may concern,

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) has commissioned a team of consultants from specialist firms Coffey, Oxford Research, and TIS working with the World Maritime University to carry out a study to look at the social aspects within the maritime transport sector.

The study will assess how the **social dimension of maritime transport has developed and progressed** since the ad hoc Task Force on Maritime Employment and Competitiveness presented its final report in 2011, which included recommendations of both legislative and non-legislative nature.

The objective of study is to identify topics and potential initiatives (including both legislative and non-legislative) which can contribute to ensure adequate working and living conditions of seafarers and to guarantee the attractiveness of the seafarer profession.

The study requires approaching national authorities, social partners, maritime stakeholders and academia and other stakeholders for feedback and other input. Given the importance that DG MOVE attaches to the study and the impact it will have on future initiatives, I would be grateful if you could cooperate with the study team and provide them with any requested assistance.

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Regarding data protection, it should be emphasised that the consultants are bound by strict confidentiality provisions in their framework contract and specific contract with DG MOVE for the assignment.

Should you need any further information regarding this study, please contact Staffan Ekwall ([Staffan.Ekwall@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Staffan.Ekwall@ec.europa.eu)).

Thank you in advance for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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