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Subject: **IMO e-Learning Course – Introduction to Ballast Water Management and Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement**

1 The Secretary-General is pleased to announce the launch of an e-learning course entitled "Introduction to Ballast Water Management and Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement", which has been developed by the Organization in collaboration with the World Maritime University (WMU).

2 The course is designed to address the key aspects of ballast water management, including background information on invasive aquatic species and ballast water management, the contents and provisions of the Ballast Water Management Convention, and the components of an effective system for compliance monitoring and enforcement. While the course is primarily aimed at Government administrators responsible for the prevention and control of pollution of the marine environment, it is open to anyone interested in IMO's regulatory framework for ballast water management, including students and members of the public. The free online course is currently available in English. There are no prerequisites for self-enrolment. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to download and print a certificate of completion. Since this is a self-paced online course, it can be paused, saved, restarted and replayed at any time.

3 This course, as well as all future e-learning courses, will be hosted on the new IMO Learning Management System (LMS) platform that can be accessed through the IMO website or the following URL: <https://lms.imo.org/moodle310/>

4 Member States and international organizations are invited to disseminate this information to all interested parties and stakeholders.