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Brussels, 21 September 2015

**TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EU MTS AFFILIATES
FOR INFORMATION TO ALL OTHER MTS AFFILIATES**

Re: ETF and S&D Seminar on European Seafarers – EP in Brussels on 21 October 2015

Dear Friends,

As you will recall from prior notice, the ETF is organising a seminar entitled: '**Ensuring a future for EU seafarers**' with the sponsorship of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D). This seminar will be held in Brussels, at the European Parliament, on Wednesday 21st of October 2015. Enclosed as annexes 1 and 2, you will find the draft programme which is currently being finalised, as well as the event flyers in the English and French versions.

It is of paramount importance that you take part in such an important seminar and we remind you that your attendance should be confirmed by 10 October with my colleague Layela Idir (l.idir@etf-europe.org). Since the event will take place in a big meeting room with a capacity of more than 100 seats, the ETF has been given the opportunity to come with a significant number of delegates. Each MTS affiliated organisation is therefore invited to make up its delegation which should not exceed 20 persons though. Please note for each participant, you are requested to provide the full names, date of birth, nationality and identity document number (ID/passport).

The seminar will be a unique opportunity to get the message across to the MEPs and other EU policy makers on how tomorrow's EU maritime transport sector should become a generator of wealth and EU-based jobs. It is expected that the sponsoring MEPs, Ms. Isabelle Thomas (S&D – France) and Ms. Lucy Anderson (S&D – United-Kingdom), will reinforce this message by supporting our key claims and proposing concrete regulatory responses to address social dumping in European shipping.



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Your active involvement during the debates will be required. In particular, the goal will be to provide concrete data to show the job insecurity for those Europeans who wish to make a living from a career at sea. The ETF Secretariat is therefore counting on your strong mobilisation to make the seminar a success.

More information will be provided by the Secretariat closer to the date of the seminar.

I thank you in advance for your time and attention.
Best regards,



Philippe Alfonso
ETF Political Secretary for Maritime Transport



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21 October 2015 – 15.00 – 18.30

European Parliament – Translation EN/FR/ES

ENSURING A FUTURE FOR EU SEAFARERS

Drawing up a social agenda to make European shipping a job creating sector

15:00	WELCOME – by MEP I. THOMAS
15:10	SESSION 1: The employment prospects in shipping for young Europeans: a gloomy picture? Co-chairs: Isabelle THOMAS and Ismael ERTUG
15:15	Set the scene – by Henrik BERLAU (ETF - 3F – Denmark)
15:20	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michel Le Cavorzin (ETF - CGT-France) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific topic: concrete example • Seafarer from Condor Ferries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific topic: concrete example • Prof. Raphael Baumler (World Maritime University, Malmö) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific topic: Training and employment of EU seafarers • Georges Turret, maritime safety and maritime training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific topic: Safety at sea
15:50	Questions and answers
16:30	Preliminary concluding remarks by Henrik BERLAU (ETF - 3F – Denmark)
16:40	SESSION 2: What (regulatory) response to address social dumping in shipping?



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	Co-chairs: Lucy ANDERSON and J.STEINRUCK
16:50	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippe Alfonso (ETF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Specific topic:</u> how EU legislation could be improved? • Andrew Linington (ETF - Nautilus – UK) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Specific topic:</u> Protective cabotage regulation: the example of the Us Jones Act • Arnaud Leroy (French MP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Specific topic:</u> Presentation of Leroy report (Rapport sur la compétitivité des transports et services maritimes français) • Tomas Abrahamsson (ETF - SEKO-SW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Specific topic:</u> Work achieved and shortcomings of the EU social dialogue • Sir Robert Coleman – former Chair of the Task Force on Maritime Employment and Competitiveness (tbc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Specific topic:</u> Follow-up of the TFMEC Recommendations
17:30	Intervention from European Commission — Fotis Karamitsos, DG MOVE Acting Deputy Director-General
17:45	Questions and answers
18:25	Final trade union comments by Steve TODD (ETF - RMT – UK)
18:30	CONCLUSIONS OF THE DEBATE by MEP L. ANDERSON



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INVITATION - CONFERENCE

Lucy ANDERSON & Isabelle THOMAS

Members of the European Parliament
are pleased to invite you

21 October 2015 from 3.00 to 6.30 pm
European Parliament - room JAN 4Q2

DEVELOP AND ENSURE THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN SEAFARERS

“ *Put on European Commission agenda
the job creation in maritime sector* ”



Please confirm your attendance by 10 October with
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*(Name, date of birth,
nationality, identity document number)*





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Députées au Parlement européen

vous invitent

le 21 octobre 2015 de 15h00 à 18h30

Parlement européen - salle JAN 4Q2

ASSURER ET DEVELOPPER L'AVENIR DES GENS DE MER EUROPÉENS

“ *Inscrire dans l'agenda européen
la création d'emplois maritimes* ”



RSVP impérativement avant le 10 Octobre à
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nationalité, numéro de papier d'identité)

