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Subject: Constitution of "Advisory Board" as a consulting forum to review and address issues related to Indian Mercantile Marine - reg.

Whereas, the Indian Mercantile Marine plays a crucial role in the nation's trade and economic development. This shipping sector has a rich heritage and has undergone significant changes over the years.

2. Whereas, the long history of Indian maritime trade is dated back to ancient times when it traded with the Middle East, Africa and Southeast Asia. Further, during the British colonial period, Indian ports became crucial for trade, although the development of a native mercantile fleet was limited.

3. Whereas, after gaining independence in 1947, India focused on building its own merchant fleet to support its growing trade needs. The Indian Government established institutions like the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) and various Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) to support the sector.

4. Whereas, as of recent years, India has a significant number of merchant vessels, including cargo ships, tankers and specialized vessels. Further, Indian ports handle a substantial volume of international trade, making the mercantile marine sector vital for the economy.

5. Whereas, the Indian Mercantile Marine sector is at a pivotal point, requiring strategic interventions to address the potential challenges and leverage its full potential. Coordinated efforts from the government, private sector and international partners are needed to create a robust, modern and competitive maritime industry. The future of India's maritime sector depends on its ability to adapt to technological advancements, regulatory changes, and global market dynamics while fostering sustainable and inclusive growth.

6. Whereas, recognizing the urgent pressing need to address the issues / challenges being faced in maritime sector effectively the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) is pleased to constitute an **Advisory Board** comprising the following members from the maritime industry, including representatives from reputable shipping companies, allied offices and other relevant stakeholders:

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7. Whereas, the future of India's maritime sector depends on its ability to adapt to technological advancements, regulatory changes and global market dynamics while fostering sustainable and inclusive growth. The constituted Task Force shall serve as a consultative body dedicated to analyzing and devising comprehensive maritime strategies to combat them.

8. The broad objectives for consultative discussions and devising strategies related to maritime spectrum topics for the Advisory Board may include following:

8.1. Fleet Modernization issues: Aging vessels, technological up-gradation, expansion and additional tonnage etc.

8.2. Regulatory & Policy Framework: Reforms, simplification, modernization & flagging out etc.

8.3. Infrastructure Development: Port facilities, logistics and connectivity etc.

8.4. Skilled Manpower: Maritime training and education, retention and welfare etc.

8.5. Environmental Concerns: Pollution control and sustainable practices etc.

8.6. Global Competition: Competitive edge, subsidies and incentives etc.

8.7. Geopolitical Challenges: Maritime security and international relations etc.

8.8. Financial Constraints: Access to capital, insurance and risk management etc.

8.9. Shipping Development: Blue Economy, R&D, Green policy etc.

8.10. Evolve strategies and action plan including fine tuning resource allocations in terms of finances and skilled professionals for the objectives and Key Performance Indicators enumerated in the Maritime India Vision, 2030 and the Amrit Kal Maritime Vision - 2047.

8.11. Other emerging / evolving maritime issues.

8.12. Interaction with the Lead consultants in the multiple technology driven initiatives and specifically for the Maritime Knowledge Cluster

8.13. Implementation and up-gradation of the technological platforms and the Government to Citizen/ Government to Business interfaces leveraging electronic and E- Governance platforms

8.14. Advise and emphasize on the nation's maritime initiatives globally and on the approach in furthering the nation's maritime interest in international forums like IMO and other related international institutional organization / bilateral dialogues etc.

8.15. Implementation and adoption by the Maritime Administration of progressive engagements with conventions like the STCW, MARPOL, MLC, SOLAS and attendant instruments by the maritime administration

8.16. Other emerging / evolving maritime issues etc.

#### 9. **Guidance and support by Maritime Experts**

The Advisory Board, constituted by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) to address challenges in the Indian maritime sector, will further be guided and supported for providing direction, advice and recommendations as deemed fit. These experts, who bring extensive experience and knowledge from the maritime administrations, are respectfully nominated to assist the above Advisory Board. Their



expertise and insights will be instrumental in helping the Advisory Board to tackle challenges facing Indian mercantile marine.

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10. The Advisory Board shall meet regularly to discuss and devise strategies. Further the Advisory Board may co-opt additional experts such as technological experts, legal experts and international advisors etc. as required to strengthen the Advisory pool.

11. Participation by the members / officials shall be purely voluntary and will not be subject to any manner of remuneration, honorarium etc. and any incidental expenditures for conduct of meetings or specific activities arrived at by due consensus in the Advisory Body shall be subject to the stipulations as mandated on raising a charge on the public exchequer as per due process.

  
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