

# CANADA

Working together to advance  
safe and sustainable shipping

Candidate for re-election  
to the IMO Council in 2021  
(Category B)



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## **RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IMO**

Canada is a strong supporter of the work the International Maritime Organization (IMO) undertakes as the primary regulator of international shipping and recognizes the critical platform the Organization provides to improve marine safety and security, and to prevent pollution.

As a founding member of the IMO, and as a member of the Council since 1959, Canada is committed to continuing to work with other Member States to advance key issues across a number of areas.

## **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MODERNIZATION**

This time of global uncertainty has inspired positive and innovative changes at the IMO, with the Organization demonstrating its ability to adapt to challenges.

As priorities continue to advance, Canada is focused on ensuring that the IMO becomes more inclusive and transparent, and that the Council more accurately represents the IMO's membership.

## **A PARTNER IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRADE**

Canada is a maritime nation with an extensive coastline, large navigable waterways, and many ports of call in the Great Lakes and Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic Oceans.

With marine shipping often being the only economically viable means of transporting goods to and from overseas markets, Canada depends on maritime trade to sustain its economy. As such, Canada ensures its vessels are in strict compliance with the international conventions it is bound by and recognizes the critical role Port State Control plays in order to keep sub-standard ships from operating.



## ADVANCING PRIORITY ISSUES

With Canada's marine initiatives built on science and technology, Canada is able to play a central role on a number of key files at the IMO.

### Polar waters navigation and Arctic cooperation

- Canada has played a leading role in the development of the Polar Code at the IMO and continues to leverage over 50 years of experience as a world leader in the oversight of Arctic shipping.
- Canada is helping developing nations implement the Polar Code through regional capacity-building workshops, supported by a CAN\$500,000 contribution.
- Canada will stay actively engaged in discussions regarding additional safety measures for non-SOLAS ships that operate in polar waters.
- Canada is committed to continuing efforts at the IMO to reduce black carbon emissions from international shipping in the Arctic.

### Environmental contributions

- Canada is committed to implementing the Initial IMO Strategy on the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from ships and continues to support actions by the IMO to address emissions from international shipping.
- Canada was among the first states to ratify the 2010 Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Protocol and is committed to ensuring its entry into force.
- Having led the development of the IMO's Ballast Water Experience Building Phase, Canada will continue to promote solutions for ballast water management.
- Canada is improving the way that plastics are managed and is helping developing countries address waste management and clean-ups through a CAN\$100 million commitment.
- Canada provides annual funding to the World Maritime University for the Canadian Chair in Marine Environmental Protection.





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## Seafarer wellbeing

- Canada recognizes the essential role that seafarers play in the global economy, and is a strong advocate for the safety and welfare of maritime workers.
- Canada has been a leader in addressing the crew change crisis, providing controlled shore leave and making ship crew changes possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Women in the maritime sector

- Canada continues to be a strong supporter of the 2019 World Maritime Day theme of "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community".
- Canada is advancing momentum of the Assembly 31 resolution to remove barriers for women in the sector by increasing access to training and jobs domestically.
- To increase recruitment and involvement of female scientists in oceans research, Canada also committed CAN\$500,000 to the World Maritime University's Global Ocean Institute in 2018.
- Canada will continue to promote gender equality and inclusion at the IMO.

## Underwater noise

- Canada has taken a leadership role to advance international collaboration on underwater noise from shipping at the IMO, including discussions on quiet ship design and retrofit technologies.
- Canada has also co-sponsored a proposal for a new work output to review the existing *Guidelines* on underwater vessel noise and determine next steps.

## Marine security

- Canada has significant experience in maritime security capacity building and participates in annual exercises in eastern and western Africa to address global maritime safety and security issues.



## CANADA'S OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

In 2017, Canada demonstrated its commitment to creating healthier and safer coasts and waterways by investing CAN\$1.5 billion to establish its Oceans Protection Plan.

With new ways to prevent and respond to marine pollution incidents, and new tools and research to restore and protect marine ecosystems, Canada is improving its ability to identify and manage risks, and proactively address emerging safety issues.

Canada looks forward to continuing its work at the IMO and bringing the expertise we gain through our domestic initiatives to the Organization.

Canada would welcome your government's support for its re-election to Category B of IMO Council during the 32<sup>nd</sup> regular session of the IMO Assembly.

