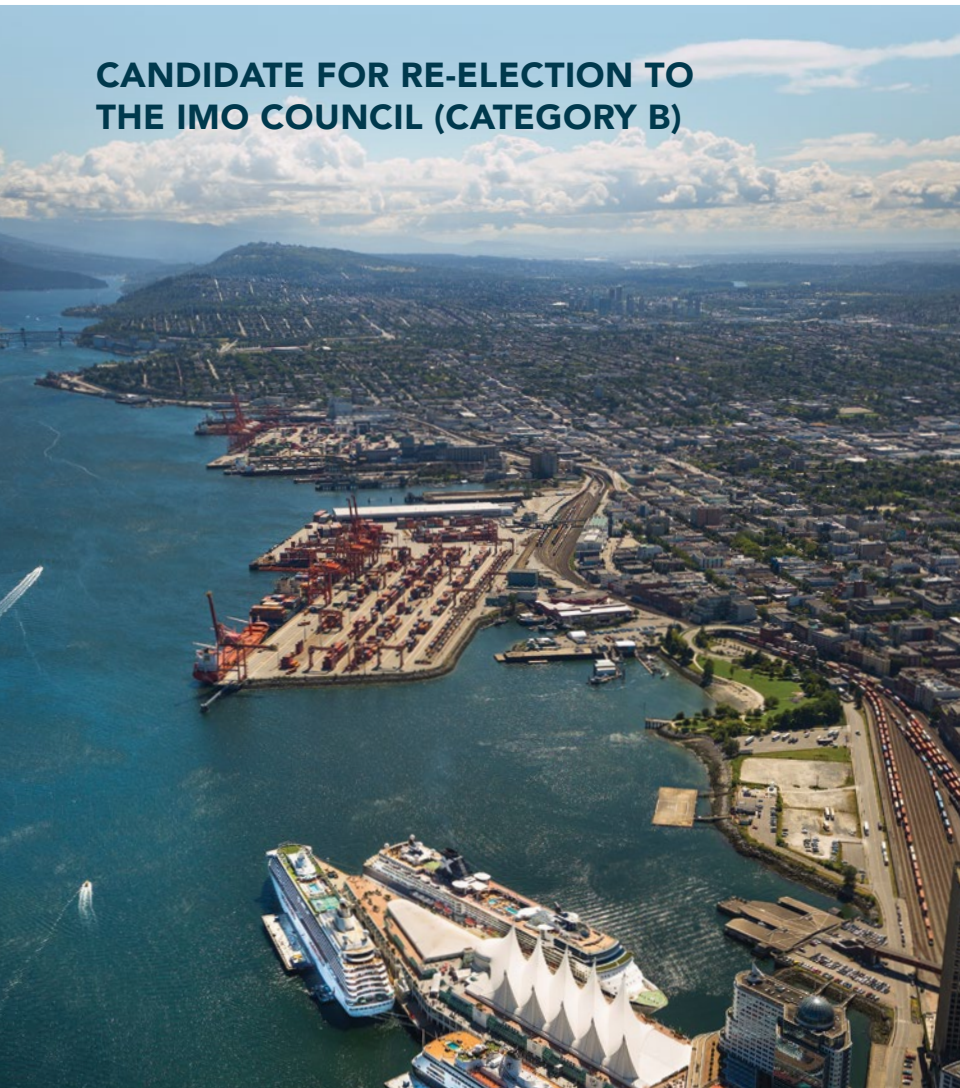


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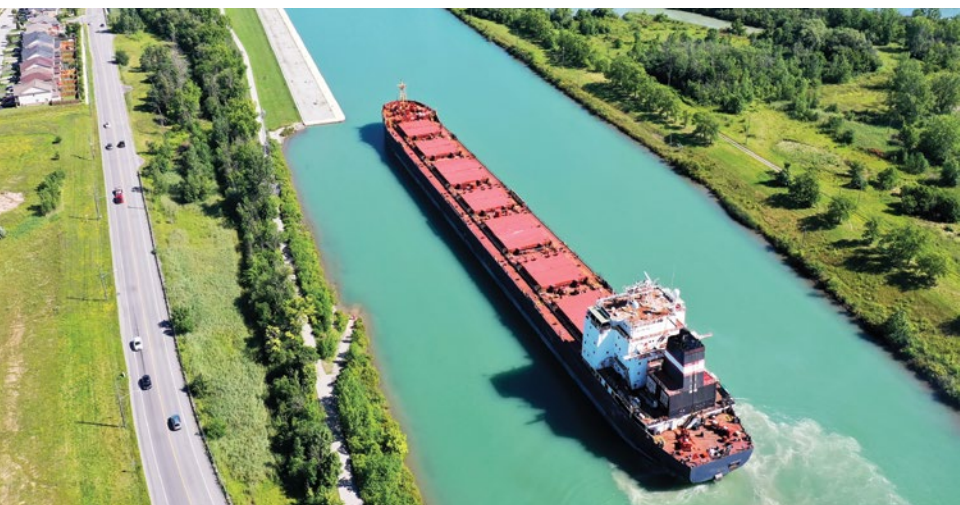
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SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE IMO

- As a founding member of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Canada strongly supports the organization's work and is **committed to collaborating with other Member States**.
- **Canada's Permanent Mission** to the IMO has helped us become international leaders on the safety, security, and environmental issues that are important to the international maritime community.
- Canada **serves on all IMO committees and sub-committees**, and actively participates in correspondence groups, working groups, and review groups to continue advancing the important work of the IMO.
- We also recognize **the importance of the World Maritime University (WMU)**. Canada serves on its Board of Governors and funds the Canadian Chair in Marine Environmental Protection.

A MARITIME TRADING NATION

- With the longest coastline in the world and ports of call in the Great Lakes and Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic Oceans, **marine and coastal areas are key to the lives of Canadians** and to Canada's economy.
- In 2022, ports and marine shipping carried almost **CAD\$151 billion (19.4%) of Canada's exports to world markets** and brought in CAD\$194 billion (26.2 %) of Canada's total imports by value. Canada's 17 Port Authorities handled over **339 million tonnes of total cargo volume**.
- As an **active member of both the Paris and Tokyo Memoranda of Understanding on Port State Control**, Canada conducts more than 1,100 inspections per year onboard foreign ships transiting to Canadian ports. This helps us ensure these vessels meet our safety, security, and environmental standards.



CANADA'S ROLE IN IMO GOVERNANCE

- Canada continues to support efforts that help the **IMO become a more efficient, effective, and transparent regulator.**
- Canada is resolute that the IMO continue to review **long-standing procedures** to bring the organization in-line with modern practices, such as livestreaming meetings where possible and using virtual tools to supplement in-person meetings.
- In January 2023, **Canada accepted the amendments to the IMO Convention** to create a more inclusive, balanced, and diverse council.

PROMOTING WOMEN IN THE MARITIME SECTOR

- Canada is a strong advocate for women's empowerment and is **committed to advancing gender equality**.
- Canada is taking steps to promote gender equality domestically by **increasing access to training and job opportunities** for under-represented groups, and at the IMO through leadership in the Gender Equality Network.
- In 2022, Canada **renewed CAD\$400,000 in funding** to the WMU to continue supporting their **Empowering Women for the UN Ocean Decade Program**.
- We recently also **committed CAD\$300,000** to the International Hydrographic Organization's **Empowering Women in Hydrography Project**.



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PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND REDUCING GREENHOUSE GASES

- In 2022, Canada announced a new investment of CAD\$2 billion to **expand national ocean protection initiatives** and better combat emerging threats to marine safety and the environment through the Oceans Protection Plan. Due in part to this work, we're able to play an active role in many corresponding key environmental files at the IMO.
- Over the last 5 years, Canada has taken a leadership role to reduce underwater noise from vessels and to promote the adoption of **quiet ship design standards and technologies** internationally.
- Having been one of the first states to **ratify the 2010 HNS Convention**, we continue to uphold the polluter-pays principle and we're taking a leadership role regarding its entry into force by helping other Member States with its implementation.
- We're leaders on **reducing the risk ballast water poses** to ecosystems and led the structuring of the experience-building phase (EBP) for the Ballast Water Management Convention.
- Canada continues to **support strong action by the IMO to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** from international shipping while not unduly disadvantaging Small Island Developing States or Least Developed Countries.





PROTECTING POLAR WATERS AND ARCTIC COOPERATION

- Canada's Arctic spans more than 3.5 million square kilometres and has significant cultural, environmental, and economic importance to Canadians and the world. Due to this importance, we need to focus on safety and security as more vessels begin to transit Arctic waters.
- Canada was a leader in **developing the Polar Code** and is a vocal supporter of its implementation. We've provided CAD\$500,000 to the IMO to deliver training for seafarers operating in polar waters.
- Canada's 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan commits us to continue working with international partners to develop measures to **reduce black carbon in the Arctic from international shipping**.



SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF SEAFARERS

- Canada works hard both domestically and with the IMO to ensure **the importance of the human element is recognized**.
- We understand the **vital role seafarers play** in maintaining the flow of trade. Canada is a strong advocate for the safety and welfare of maritime workers.
- To address seafarer shortages, Canada has established a **Reciprocal Agreement Program** to recognize Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) foreign-issued certificates.

CANADA SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT

In recognition of Canada's geographic characteristics, reliance on maritime trade, and history of leadership at the IMO, Canada is asking for your government's support for re-election to Category B of IMO Council during the 33rd regular session of the IMO Assembly.

