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**MPA Congratulates New IMO Secretary-General-elect;
Singapore Chairs Working Group on Strategic Plan
at IMO Council Meeting**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) congratulates Mr Arsenio Antonio Dominguez Velasco (Republic of Panama) on his election as the tenth Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for a four-year term, commencing 1 January 2024. Mr Dominguez will succeed Mr Kitack Lim (Republic of Korea), upon completion of his second four-year term as Secretary-General on 31 December 2023. The election took place on 18 July 2023 at the 129th session of the IMO Council (C129) and the Council's decision will be forwarded for approval at the 33rd session of the IMO Assembly in late 2023.

2. The Council is the executive organ of the IMO, which comprises 175 Member States. It is responsible for supervising the work of the IMO and oversees matters such as strategy and planning. Since Singapore's election as an IMO Council member in 1993, Singapore has played an active role to advance the IMO's goals of facilitating safe, secure and sustainable shipping.

3. Among its contributions to the Council's work, Singapore had, in May 2023, prepared a draft IMO Strategic Plan for the six-year period from 2024 to 2029. The Strategic Plan will set out the IMO's vision, overarching principles, strategic directions and performance indicators for the coming six years. The draft was co-sponsored by 26 Council members and was widely supported by other IMO's Member States.

4. A Working Group on the Strategic Plan (WG SP) was established at C129 to continue developing the draft Strategic Plan, which upon finalisation would be presented for consideration and adoption by the 33rd session of the IMO Assembly. An MPA officer, Mr Darrick Leow, currently First Secretary (Maritime) at the Singapore High Commission in London, has been appointed Chair of the WG SP at C129.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime Organization. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and develops maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation policies and plans, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2022, Singapore remained one of the world's busiest transshipment hubs with a container throughput of 37.3 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

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