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Memorandum of Cooperation on Short Sea  
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**AGREED MINUTES**

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The Maritime Administration of the United States and the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) of the European Commission held a bilateral maritime meeting for Short Sea Shipping Promotion and Facilitation at DG MOVE premises in Brussels on 29 November 2022. Magda Kopczyńska, Director of Waterborne Transport in DG MOVE, led the EU delegation and the U.S. delegation was led by Maritime Administrator Rear Admiral Ann Phillips. Both sides held discussions on a variety of topics of mutual interest, focused on potential cooperation in different areas and efforts to promote short sea shipping.

Director Kopczyńska presented the developments on the EU's Maritime Transport Policy and provided an updated on the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. She introduced the FitFor55 package and explained all the initiatives related to the maritime sector, i.e. FuelEU Maritime Regulation, Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation and Renewable Energy Directive. She also informed about the proposal of the inclusion of maritime sector in Emission Trading System and explained the Greening Freight Package (Count Emission EU and Combined Transport Directive). She presented the Zero Emission Waterborne Transport which provides zero-emission solutions before 2030, and the Renewable and Low-carbon Fuels Value Chain Alliance with the aim of improving availability and affordability of renewable and low-carbon drop-in fuels.

Administrator Phillips gave an overview of the Administration priorities and U.S. maritime strategic goals that include actions to strengthen national security and economic prosperity; ensure availability of trained personnel; support of U.S. port infrastructure and performance; and innovation in information, automation, safety and environmental impact. She explicated the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), that authorizes \$1.2 trillion for transportation and infrastructure investments and programs. She described the U.S. 'Port infrastructure planning & financing', mentioning the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) that provides grants and services to ports in the areas of port project and system planning, stakeholder engagement, operational and capital financing, and project management.

The U.S. explained the Maritime Environmental and Technical Assistance (META) Program which promotes various acquisition tools to improve maritime industrial environmental sustainability through research, development of emerging technologies, and demonstration projects.

In terms of social issues related to seafarers, Director Kopczyńska explained the lessons learned from the pandemic and the war in Ukraine. Both events demonstrated the need to protect seafarers while increasing awareness on their vulnerabilities and the need to improve their working and



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ports, she provided an overview of EU ports policy, the Port Services Regulation 352/2017 and investments in EU ports. The U.S. delegation expressed interest in exchanging regularly successful practices to support the maritime sector's digitalisation and both parties declared their willingness to follow up this topic during the next bilateral meeting.

Director Kopczyńska thanked the U.S. delegation for their attendance and discussion. Administrator Phillips thanked the EU delegation for a productive meeting, their hospitality, and invited DG MOVE to the U.S. for the 2023 Short Sea Shipping meeting. Both sides agreed on the importance of maintaining a close relationship and will follow up on the items discussed during the meeting.

Done in Brussels, 29 November 2022.

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