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Achim,

Dear Mr. Steiner,

IMO and climate neutrality

Thank you for our copy of your letter of 19 February 2015 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with its enclosure of the sixth edition of *Moving Towards a Climate Neutral UN*.

I am pleased to confirm that IMO has been cooperating in the EMG's efforts to measure and reduce the UN's environmental footprint since the first GHG inventory was carried out in 2008. In order to achieve this worthwhile objective, the Organization has modified its policies on mission travel, streamlined its meetings schedule, changed default settings for lighting, heating ventilation and escalator systems, and has taken every opportunity to replace obsolescent equipment with more efficient equipment.

Having measured and reduced our emissions to the extent possible, I am delighted to report that we now intend to add to our support for Greening the Blue by purchasing carbon credits from the Adaptation Fund, through UNFCCC and the Clean Development Mechanism, to offset all the historical emissions we have been unable to eliminate since 2008. I believe this places IMO, along with other UN organizations, at the forefront of the response to Mr. Ban's call for the UN system to achieve a "net-zero climate footprint (climate neutrality) by 2020 and consider to accelerate this to become climate neutral by 2015" (letter to the CEB of 3 September 2014).

Yours sincerely,

Koji Sekimizu

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cc: Secretary-General, United Nations ✓

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