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To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: Merchant Marine Circular, 2006 (MLC,2006) - Document of Compliance (DOC)

Reference: MMC-248

1. The purpose of this Circular is to remind users that MMC-248 establishes the possibility of obtaining a Document of Compliance (DOC) of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) on voluntary basis.
2. Furthermore, and with the purpose to make this a uniform process, this Directorate General of Merchant Marine has decided to create a [Format](#) relative to the aforementioned DOC to be used by all the Recognized Organizations at the time they issue such document. In this sense, we encourage all Recognized Organizations to use this [Format](#) accordingly.
3. We remain committed to always offer and provide you with a service of excellence, ensuring continuous quality to all our clients.

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