Declaration on Zero Emission Shipping by 2050

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Participant States of this Declaration,

Recall the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels,

Stress that in order to keep the Paris Agreement temperature goal within reach, emissions from international shipping should peak immediately, undergo significant reductions in the 2020s, and reach zero emissions by 2050,

Recognize the importance of action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from stakeholders across the entire shipping value chain, and the related value of public-private partnerships and international and domestic cooperation,

Note with appreciation the Zero-Emission Shipping Mission that aims to demonstrate deep-sea ships operating on commercially viable zero-emission fuels by 2030, and further note with appreciation the Call to Action for Shipping Decarbonization signed by more than 200 companies and organizations, which includes a request for the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to set a target for zero emission shipping by 2050,

Recognize the importance of international collaboration and investment in the production of zero emission fuels, and the related importance of creating green shipping corridors and infrastructure and other efforts to ensure a critical mass of zero-emission ships are on the water by 2030, to serve as a tipping point toward full decarbonization for the sector; stress that such interventions can facilitate an equitable and inclusive transition to zero emission shipping by creating green growth and job opportunities in and beyond the shipping sector, including in SIDS and LDCs,

Recall the role of IMO in regulating greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping,

Recognize that climate change is a global crisis that demands efforts from all parts of the international shipping sector across the global fleet,

Commit to strengthen global efforts to achieve zero emissions from international shipping by 2050, including at IMO; in that regard, pledge to work at IMO to adopt such a goal, to adopt goals for 2030 and 2040 that place the sector on a pathway to full decarbonization by 2050, and to adopt the measures to help achieve these goals.
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