



Signatory States of this Declaration

- reaffirm their commitment to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Paris Agreement, namely holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, and to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century,
- confirm that international shipping, like all other sectors of human activity, must take urgent action in consideration of these vital objectives for the future of the planet and of humanity,
- recall the leading role of the International Maritime Organization in defining this action and welcome, inter alia, the process undertaken by IMO to adopt, by 2018, an initial strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from ships, and a revised strategy in 2023,



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- stress that the initial strategy must set a level of ambition for the sector that is compatible with that of the Paris Agreement, including a peak on emissions in the short-term and then reducing them to neutrality towards the second half of this century,
- commit to support the design and implementation by IMO of policy measures that can have an immediate effect to achieve emission reductions, and to promote the development of important mid-to-longer term measures,
- recall that the strategy must not compromise the achievement of climate objectives by creating distortions of competition; therefore its provisions should equally apply to all ships regardless of their flag,
- consider, however, that the impacts of measures on States, in particular on LDCs and SIDS, and their specific needs, have to be studied in advance and that disproportionate impacts on specific States should be addressed.



The IMO must in the spring of 2018 adopt an Initial Strategy that, in our view:

- Affirms the Paris Agreement's objectives to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels
- Includes a quantified emission reduction objective (in terms of CO₂ equivalent and reduction percentage) and an emission reduction pathway
- Identifies a list of likely effective policy measures to reduce emissions for the short (before 2023), mid and long term
- Agrees on a number of priority tasks for the development and implementation of emission reduction measures in the period between 2018 and the adoption of the revised IMO greenhouse gas strategy in 2023
- Accommodates the specific needs of SIDS and LDCs in relation to any disproportionate impacts arising from policy measures.



