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OWNERS/MANAGERS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS (DCS), COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS (CSOS),
MASTERS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (ROS), PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES (PSCS)

SUBJET: **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – GUIDANCE RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS**

REFERENCE: IMO Circular Letter No. 4204 /Add.5Contact

This Administration taking into consideration the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and the latest IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5 – herewith attached - understands the posed challenge to allow the continued training of seafarers, revalidate certificates (including medical certificates) and issuance of endorsements attesting recognition of certificates in accordance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.

This Administration takes a pragmatic and practical approach with regard to the extension of the above-mentioned certificates and endorsements, as strictly necessary.

Port State Control Authorities are also encouraged to take a pragmatic and practical approach in relation to these certificate and endorsement extensions, and their acceptance in the exercise of control procedures in accordance with article X (Control) and regulation I/4 (Control procedures) of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended.

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We take this opportunity to reassure that human life, marine environment and property are always considered as a priority for the Maritime Administration of Comoros which is committed to the safety of the maritime industry and the users around the world.

