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To: All IMO Members

Subject: Membership of the Steering Committee for the Fourth IMO GHG Study

1 MEPC 74 requested the Secretariat to initiate the Fourth IMO GHG Study in accordance with the terms of reference, including establishment of the Steering Committee as agreed by the Committee, so that work could begin in autumn 2019, with a view that the final report of the Study could be submitted to MEPC 76, to be held in autumn 2020.

2 Taking into account the importance of the Fourth IMO GHG Study and the need for the Steering Committee to be established in a transparent, open and fair manner, the Secretary-General in Circular Letter No.3971 (issued on 31 May 2019) invited nominations from all Member States.

3 Following the deadline for nominations of 14 June 2019, the Secretary-General, after consideration of the matter, has the honour to establish the Steering Committee, composed of the following Member States:

Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Turkey and United States.

4 Mr. Harry Conway (Liberia), in his capacity as Vice-Chair of the Marine Environment Protection Committee, has kindly offered to coordinate the work of the Steering Committee.

5 The first Steering Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 23 July 2019 at IMO headquarters. Remote participation facilities will be provided. The Secretariat will be contacting all Member States of the Steering Committee in due course with further details.

