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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the International Labour Organization and has the honour to communicate the following in accordance with paragraphs 3, 5, 6 and 7 of Article II of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention").

1. Concerning paragraph 3 of Article II of the Convention, Japan will not regard persons who are not regarded as seafarers under the Mariners Act of Japan to be seafarers for the purpose of this Convention. Such persons include:

- (1) harbour pilots and other persons that are specialists whose work is not part of the routine business of the ship; and
- (2) guest entertainers, repair technicians and other persons who perform work that is occasional and short term, with their principal place of employment being onshore.

2. Concerning paragraph 5 of Article II of the Convention, Japan will not apply this Convention to ships of less than 20 gross tonnage and ships for which owners only employ relatives residing with such owners.

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of Article II of the Convention, Japan will not apply the provisions of Regulation 3.1 and Standard A3.1 of the Convention to ships of less than 200 gross tonnage not engaged in international voyages.

Pursuant to paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 of Article II of the Convention, the above 1.~3. was decided at the Seafarers Subcommittee of the Maritime Committee of the Transport Policy Council of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, on 30 July 2010, after consultation with the shipowners' and seafarers' organizations concerned in Japan.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the International Labour Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

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