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Excellency,

**Board of Governors of the World Maritime University**

As you are aware, the World Maritime University (WMU) was established by IMO, thirty years ago, as a means to further the specialized education of those dealing with maritime affairs and the international maritime transport sector in developing countries.

Following various fruitful contacts between IMO, the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) and the Government of Egypt, and in view of your considerable knowledge and experience in maritime education and administration, I would like to invite you to bring your valuable perspective to the governance arrangements for WMU by becoming a member of its Board of Governors.

The Charter of the University (a copy of which is enclosed), which underpins its governance structure, provides that the Board members shall be appointed in a personal capacity and on a broad geographical basis, with due regard to the background, expertise and, indeed, the motivation of the individual concerned.

The WMU Board of Governors, which meets annually, comprises not more than 30 appointed members drawn from governments, industry, educational and research institutions. Additionally, the Executive Board, comprising 11 members, meets three times a year and provides oversight of the University between sessions of the Board of Governors.

I would be delighted if you would accept joining the Board of Governors for a two-year term ending on 31 January 2017 and look forward to receiving your response at your earliest convenience.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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Secretary-General