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Port Louis****Our Ref.: MS/C/IMO/31/1****Date: 02 February 2018****Your Ref.:****Fax No: (230) 213 7013****Mr. Andrew Hudson
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United States**

Dear Mr. Hudson,

Endorsement of the GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Project

On behalf of the Republic of Mauritius, I am pleased to confirm our participation as a Lead Participating Country (LPC) in the project "Building Partnerships to Assist Developing Countries Minimize the Impacts from Aquatic Biofouling (GloFouling Partnerships)", a joint initiative of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

- 2.** It is our expectation that one of the main objectives of this initiative will be to assist participating countries to build their capacity to implement the IMO 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species. The Republic of Mauritius is prepared to actively contribute and participate in this endeavour.
- 3.** We welcome the opportunity to partner with other countries and organizations in our region to address this very critical transboundary marine environmental issue and are confident that the GloFouling Partnerships Project will make a positive contribution to the global effort to protect the marine environment.
- 4.** As an LPC of the GloFouling Partnerships Project, the Republic of Mauritius is pleased to inform you that we will ensure to support the project through in-kind contributions as attached.
- 5.** We look forward to the successful implementation of this project.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Shipping
For Senior Chief Executive**cc. Jose Matheickal, IMO, jmatheic@imo.org