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**REPORT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE
ON ITS SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION**

Corrigendum

Annex 25 – Statements by delegations and observers

The following statements are included under item 5, after the statement of the delegation of the Marshall Islands:

Statement by the delegation of Vanuatu

"At the outset let me acknowledge your very able leadership at this important 68th session of the MEPC and allow me, Sir, to assure you of my delegations full support and cooperation.

I wish to also take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Government of Vanuatu, our profound and most sincere gratitude to the great family of nations, represented here today, for the generous support provided to the Government and the people of Vanuatu in response to our recovery after the passage of Tropical Cyclone Pam in March. Your prompt assistance and support has given us the much needed stepping stone for the Republic of Vanuatu to progressively return to normalcy.

Coming back to agenda item 5, I wish to lend the support of my delegation to the statement made by the distinguished delegate from the Republic of Marshall Islands and I further wish to register Vanuatu's support for the Marshall Islands submission on 'Reduction of GHG emissions from ships' as reflected on document MEPC 68/5/1.

The World will converge in Paris in seven months to chart a post 2020 Climate Change agreement to keep global average temperatures well below 2°C through ambitious emission reduction commitments. At the national level and in light of the post 2020 actions, Vanuatu is already embarking on our Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) in union with many other Pacific and Small Island States in the battle against climate change.

If we are to steer the World along a sustainable development pathway post 2020, then we will need the commitment and leadership of all sectors. The Second and Third IMO GHG Studies are clear in that we, in the international shipping sector, need to change course from 'Business as usual' to be consistent with national actions and the post 2020 actions coming from the UNFCCC processes.

We see the Marshall Islands submission as a very important starting point to deliberate and agree in this distinguished fora, on conformity with national and global emission reduction efforts but also of significance is the consequential sustainable develop benefits to the international maritime sector.

In closing Mr. Chairman, we again reiterate our full support for the Marshall Islands submission and we further urge the Committee to collectively agree to the three actions as reflected in the paper."

Statement by the delegation of Tuvalu

"Sir I bring with me greetings from the government and people of Tuvalu to the Assembly. Tuvalu consists of a grouping of 9 low lying Coral Atolls with a population of less than 11,000. A country that is very vulnerable to sea level rise. In its continuous fight to save Tuvalu and all the other Pacific Islands my government strongly supports the Marshall Islands submission on GHG emissions from bunker fuels from shipping. This is highlighted in my Prime Minister Honourable His Excellency Enele Sosene Sopoaga, in his own words to the president of the Marshall Islands and I quote, 'I commend the leadership of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in taking up this issue again in a submission that is to go to the MEPC 68 of the IMO Assembly'. I can assure you of Tuvalu's strongest support."
