

Reference: **BC/OLC/**

Date: **9 July 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF THE DECADE OF AFRICAN SEAS AND OCEANS (2015-2025) AND CELEBRATION OF THE OF THE AFRICA DAY OF SEAS AND OCEANS ON 25 JULY 2015 AU HEADQUARTERS, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

I have the honour to refer to letter under reference number BC/OLC/24.15-1/980.15 and dated 7 July on the above subject matter.

The Commission regrets to inform the esteemed Ministries that due to circumstances beyond its control, the AU 2050 AIM Strategy Conference which was scheduled to take place on 21-22 July 2015 has been cancelled.

However, the Commission would like to inform the esteemed Ministries that the program of events for the launch of the Decade of African Seas and Oceans and the celebration of the African day of Seas and Oceans will be as follows:

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| a) Panel Discussion   | 24 July 2015 | 5.00 pm to 7 pm |
| b) Official Dinner  | 24 July 2015 | 7:30 pm         |
| c) Launch of the Decade of Africa Seas and Oceans and Celebration of the African Day of Seas and Oceans | 25 July 2015 | 9.30 am to 1 pm |

In addition, there will also be some side events on 24 July 2015 organized by the Ship Owners Association and Women in Maritime.

The Commission regrets any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of the AU 2050 Aim Strategy Conference and the revision of the program for the events

I thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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**To: All AU Special Representatives**  
**All AU Liaison Offices**