LETTER N° 065-2020/COMMPE

Mr.
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APEC SEN Secretary-General

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Peruvian Merchant Marine Officers Association

From my highest consideration,

Hereby receive the greetings of the Peruvian Merchant Marine Officers Association (COMMPE), autonomous and non-profit organization, created by Law N°28290 of 2004, which brings together professionals from the maritime and port sector and is focused on the promotion of the profession, culture and maritime education, professional development and employability for the benefit of its associates and our country.

Regarding the projects presented on Thursday, July 16th at the virtual coordination meeting with the Peruvian maritime delegation, I would like to express to you the following:

1. Our institution possesses social and juridical representation. It is managed by a Board of Directors composed by the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, conformed according to its Statute and having as main Committees: Ethics–and Compliance Committee, Court of Honor, Audit Committee, among others and gathers members nationwide and worldwide.

2. 70% of our associates work in foreign shipping companies. They also hold important positions in the sector such as shipping companies, universities, inspection and consulting companies, and others related to the extensive and special maritime sector.

3. We understand that the spirit of the creation of the Excellence Network is to seek the professional development of the seafarers (namely merchant marines), their mobility between APEC economies based on an adequate academic training, and maritime education.

4. Regarding the projects presented on the last virtual meeting on July 16th, we are very interested in participating and specially we want to propose national projects that can be replicated in the other APEC economies, for the benefit of the seafarers. We will send them in a timely manner for your review.

5. We understand that these initiatives originated to cover the current shortcomings and future challenges of the maritime industry focused in their
main asset which are the seafarers of the APEC economies, and their entire professional life cycle from the education, training on board, employability on board ships as well as ashore and in general, all their integral development. That is why we consider the support and participation of our association (COMMPE) is fundamental, as we have the knowledge, training and experience in the merchant marine industry which includes many years onboard all kind of vessels complying IMO and nationals Regulations, and we also know all the shortcomings and needs of the national and international maritime sector.

6. For all the reasons explained above, we believe that the coordination on behalf of our country should lie with an entity that represents the entire Peruvian seafarers. Therefore, we officially request that our institution COMMPE must be the Coordinator of the Delegation of the maritime industry of Peru. Also, according to the suggestion of most of its representatives.

7. On the other hand, in case our country is selected for some events related to the Network, we request you to count on the Professional Association of Merchant Mariners (COMMPE) for the organization and support of this.

8. You must know that the Maritime Administration in Peru involves three ministries: Transport and Communications, Foreign Affairs and Defense. Since our institution has its own legal personality, we do not see any inconveniences with coordinating our participation at a government level with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Ministry of Transport, as they are more in line with the purpose of the Network.

Very truly yours,

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