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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to thank you for your positive engagement and patience since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. It goes without saying that this is a very challenging time for the industry and I am under no illusions about that. I am extremely grateful for all that you are doing to ensure that our maritime sector is as prepared as possible to restart and to recover.

As we move into this next phase of our response to Covid-19, our attention will turn increasingly to supporting the sector to recover from its impact and return to a sustainable footing. To help this, and as you may already know, we will be setting up a new Maritime Covid-19 Restart and Recovery Steering Group. This will be chaired by our Maritime Director, Roger Hargreaves, and supported by a weekly working group.

In order that my engagement with you aligns with the work and focus of the Steering Group, I will be attending its meetings whenever I am able to do so. This will ensure a joined-up and coherent restart, recovery and engagement approach. I am also available for individual discussions at any time, particularly as we move into this important next phase, so please do not be afraid to get in touch. As always, my officials similarly stand ready to speak with you individually should you need.

I hope it goes without saying that I remain open to your suggestions and feedback during this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely,



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