



INFO BULLETIN

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Subject: "Official Visit to the IMO Secretary-General and Accreditation of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the IMO "

I. Official Visit to the Secretary-General of the IMO

1. The Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry (G-B ISR) is pleased to inform stakeholders that, on 2 June 2025, an official visit was conducted at the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, by the GB ISR General Ships Registrar and Acting Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the IMO, Mr. Agisilaos, Anastasakos.
2. The visit was received by the **Secretary-General of the IMO, H.E. Mr. Arsenio Dominguez**, and took place within the margins of the 75th session of the Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 75), with the presence of the Director of the IMO External Relations and Legal Affairs Division, Ms. Dorota Lost-Sieminska.

[<https://www.flickr.com/photos/imo-un/54563139058/in/album-72177720313452652>].

II. Purpose and Accreditation Procedure

3. The purpose of the meeting was to formally present and submit the credentials of the **newly established Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the IMO**, in line with the objectives and guidance set forth in IMO Resolution A.505(XII), which encourages Member States to establish Permanent Representations to the Organization in order to enhance institutional coordination, representation, and implementation of IMO instruments.
4. This procedural step marks a milestone in Guinea-Bissau's evolving engagement with the IMO, aiming to strengthen its institutional maritime presence and ensure sustained diplomatic and technical representation at the global maritime level.

III. Objectives of the Permanent Mission

5. The newly accredited Permanent Mission will work closely with the IMO Secretariat and relevant Member States to support:
 - a. The structured participation of Guinea-Bissau in the **Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)**, with a focus on capacity-building, human resource development, and audit readiness in accordance with the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS).
 - b. The progressive implementation into the national legal order **of IMO Conventions and Protocols**, through legislative alignment and technical cooperation, under the direction of the competent Ministry of Transport, Telecommunications and Digital Economy of Guinea-Bissau.



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- c. The effective representation and coordination of national maritime priorities in IMO deliberations and regional technical activities, consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- d. The enhanced visibility and regulatory integrity of the **Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry (G-B ISR)**, which operates under the oversight of the competent authority and in alignment with applicable IMO regulatory frameworks.

IV. Conclusion

6. The G-B ISR reaffirms its commitment to supporting the national authorities in achieving full compliance with IMO standards and practices. The formalization of the Permanent Mission reflects Guinea-Bissau's readiness to actively contribute to the work of the Organization and to deepen its technical cooperation engagements in support of sustainable, safe, and efficient maritime governance.

7. For additional information, stakeholders may contact the Office of the General Ships Registrar – Acting Permanent Representative to the IMO:

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