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### Institute for Human Rights and Business becomes a member of the Sustainable Shipping Initiative

**LONDON, 18 JANUARY 2022** – The Sustainable Shipping Initiative (SSI) today introduces its newest member, the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB).

IHRB and SSI have been working together throughout 2021 on the [Delivering on seafarers' rights](#) project, which saw the launch of a landmark [Code of Conduct and self-assessment tool](#) to protect the human rights and wellbeing of the world's nearly two million seafarers in October 2021.

IHRB is the leading international think tank on business and human rights. IHRB's mission is to shape policy, advance practice, and strengthen accountability in order to make respect for human rights part of everyday business. They join fifteen members across the shipping value chain, including NGOs Forum for the Future and WWF in working together for a more sustainable maritime industry.

“Building on the close collaboration on delivering on seafarers' rights, IHRB is delighted to formalise its relationship with SSI”, said Frances House of IHRB. “We welcome this opportunity to strengthen our work with the shipping sector, working to ensure that protecting and promoting seafarers' rights are at the heart of a sustainable and decarbonising shipping industry, and that companies are held to account for their commitments in this regard.”

“After working closely over the past two years, we are proud to welcome IHRB to the SSI community, now a member as well as a partner.” said Andrew Stephens, SSI's Executive Director. “Sustainability in shipping is not only about decarbonisation, but also the consideration for the workers who will be operating, building and recycling zero emission vessels which is paramount to create an industry that is both environmentally and socially sustainable. We look forward to continuing to work with IHRB on identifying challenges and shining a light on solutions to promote and improve social sustainability in the shipping sector.”

The Sustainable Shipping Initiative brings together like-minded organisations with shared goals and determination to improve the shipping industry. Members, ranging from shipowners and operators, to charterers, NGOs, banks, service providers and classification societies, work together toward the milestones laid out in the [Roadmap to a sustainable shipping industry](#). IHRB becomes the sixteenth organisation and third NGO to join the initiative.

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## Notes to Editors

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## About the Sustainable Shipping Initiative

The Sustainable Shipping Initiative (SSI) is a multi-stakeholder collective of ambitious and like-minded leaders, driving change through cross-sectoral collaboration to contribute to – and thrive in – a more sustainable maritime industry. Spanning the entire shipping value chain, SSI members are shipowners and charterers; ports; shipyards, marine product, equipment and service providers; banks, ship finance and insurance providers; classification societies; and sustainability non-profits.

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