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FONASBA LIMA DECLARATION

Acknowledging that:

- shipping plays a vital role in the international economy and contributes to international trade and the world economy as the most efficient, safe and environmentally friendly mode of transporting goods
- ship agents and brokers are at the heart of the shipping industry, by both bringing vessels and cargoes together and coordinating the actions of statutory authorities, port and terminal operators, service providers, the Master, Owners and all other parties to ensure the efficient movement of the vessel through the port
- education of shipping professionals is of fundamental value to shipping

Knowing that:

- ship agency and ship broking are complex and demanding professions
- ship agents are required at all times to be fully conversant with the navigation, safety, commercial and statutory requirements and regulations applicable to the port
- ships are high value assets
- procedures and standards for safety and environmental protection are increasing
- ships, ports, information and communication technologies are developing rapidly

Understanding that

- there are no global education standards for ship agents and shipbrokers
- professional qualifications of ship agents and shipbrokers are not universally recognised
- different education standards and requirements exist within individual countries, without reference to practices in other countries
- in many countries there are no formal entry qualifications for entry to the ship agency and shipbroking professions

Recognizing that

- traditional shipping knowledge and experience have a great value but need to be complimented by ongoing professional and training development to ensure that future developments and challenges can be met
- it is important to give to present and future generations of ship agents and ship brokers vision and a commitment to improve their professional capacity qualifications

We, the delegates to the FONASBA Annual General Meeting held in Lima, Peru, declare that:

- the best way of improving safety and security in the ports, at sea and elsewhere in the maritime sector, and avoiding the proliferation of inconsistent and often contradictory national and regional regulation is through the development of harmonised, streamlined and above all internationally applicable regulations that are implemented consistently by all maritime nations
- a consistent international set of baseline standards for education, training and certification of shipping agents and brokers should be established and implemented
- internationally recognised professional standards and accreditation for ship agents and shipbrokers should also be established
- professional qualifications for ship agents and shipbrokers should be mutually recognised on a global basis
- in order to raise standards of professionalism in the ship agency and shipbroking sectors, companies providing such services should aspire to become members of a national association and implement appropriate and relevant standards of conduct
- individuals working in the ship agency and shipbroking professions should aspire to achieve high standards of personal qualification and training from a recognised education provider
- the FONASBA Quality Standard should be recognised by all parties in international maritime transport as a globally accepted quality label

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