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Presentation on the planned conversion of the MTS "Chicago" for the use of methanol as fuel

Submitted by the Government of the Netherlands

Introduction

1. The Dutch delegation has so far tabled four requests for derogations in the framework of the energy transition towards the use of sustainable energy. Recently we received information on yet another project. The company Unibarge has planned to convert the existing tanker vessel "Chicago" into a ship with dual-fuel propulsion with diesel / methanol.

2. As a first step, we propose that the project is presented during this meeting of the ADN Safety Committee. The Safety Committee could take note of the project during this presentation.

3. The presentation is attached as an annex.

4. The Dutch delegation expects that the project will mature enough before the next session of the ADN Safety Committee that a formal request, including the required documentation, can be expected for the August 2024 meeting.

5. We request the ADN Safety Committee to take note of the project presentation and to take action as it deems appropriate.

Annex