



132nd session of IMO

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The Indian Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways participated in the **132nd session of the Council** of the [International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#) in **London**.

- India, as an elected member of the IMO Council for countries with a large interest in international seaborne trade, highlighted the pressing **issue of seafarer abandonment**.
 - Seafarers are people who work on ships or people who travel regularly on the sea.
- India secured its position as **one of the eight governments representing IMO in the Joint Tripartite Working Group**, dedicated to addressing seafarers' issues and the human element in maritime operations.
 - Other proposed members are the **Philippines, Thailand, Liberia, Panama, Greece, the US, and France**.
- Concerns over **disruptions in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and adjoining areas**, which have been **impacting shipping and trade logistics** were also addressed.
- India reiterated its proposal for the **South Asian Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport (SACE-SMaT)**.
 - This regional hub aims to transform the maritime sector in India and South Asia into a technologically advanced, environmentally sustainable, and digitally proficient industry.
 - The centre will focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, fostering technical cooperation, capacity-building, and digital transition.

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