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Dear Ms Sahlin,

**Request by the ITF/NTF to re-open the investigation into the loss of MV Estonia**

Further to our previous correspondence, the ITF again urges the reopening of the enquiry into the loss of the MV Estonia. Our opinion has not changed since we last requested this and we believe that recent events have strengthened the arguments in favour of further investigation being carried out.

We believe that it is particularly important, given the speculation circulating since the Bemis dive, that there is seen to be a full, transparent and independent investigation into the many allegations surrounding the sinking of this ship. We should also add that if there is not seen to be a full casualty investigation for this accident, it would set a most unfortunate international precedent which would result in other casualties not being properly investigated. This would be an example many of the flag of convenience states would be keen to follow.

Yours sincerely,

David Cockroft, General Secretary

Attachment : response by ITF to SMA and NBAI (four pages)