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Subject: Constitution of "Advisory Board" as a consulting forum to review and address issues related to Indian Mercantile Marine - reg.

Whereas, the Indian Mercantile Marine plays a crucial role in the nation's trade and economic development. This shipping sector has a rich heritage and has undergone significant changes over the years.

2. Whereas, the long history of Indian maritime trade is dated back to ancient times when it traded with the Middle East, Africa and Southeast Asia. Further, during the British colonial period, Indian ports became crucial for trade, although the development of a native mercantile fleet was limited.

3. Whereas, after gaining independence in 1947, India focused on building its own merchant fleet to support its growing trade needs. The Indian Government established institutions like the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) and various Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) to support the sector.

4. Whereas, as of recent years, India has a significant number of merchant vessels, including cargo ships, tankers and specialized vessels. Further, Indian ports handle a substantial volume of international trade, making the mercantile marine sector vital for the economy.

5. Whereas, the Indian Mercantile Marine sector is at a pivotal point, requiring strategic interventions to address the potential challenges and leverage its full potential. Coordinated efforts from the government, private sector and international partners are needed to create a robust, modern and competitive maritime industry. The future of India's maritime sector depends on its ability to adapt to technological advancements, regulatory changes, and global market dynamics while fostering sustainable and inclusive growth.

6. Whereas, recognizing the urgent pressing need to address the issues / challenges being faced in maritime sector effectively the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) is pleased to constitute an **Advisory Board** comprising the following members from the maritime industry, including representatives from reputable shipping companies, allied offices and other relevant stakeholders:

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