

TO: COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL, Mr. Nigel Frawley,
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RE: NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF CMI

Dear Mr. Frawley,

it is a great privilege for me to reply, on behalf of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia, to your kind letter of August 7, 2002 in which we have been requested to express our view regarding a possible successor of Dr. Alexander Von Ziegler on the prestigious position of Secretary General of CMI.

The Executive Council of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia has decided to nominate Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha, the leading authority in the field of maritime law and insurance law in Slovenia who has also gained international reputation. Prof. Pavliha is head of the Maritime and Transport Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation; visiting professor at IMO - IMLI Malta and presently at the Queensland University, T.C. Beirne School of Law, Australia.; Expert of IOC/ABE - LOS (UNESCO); president of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia; member of the Judicial Council of the Republic of Slovenia; titular member of the CMI and expert of the International Maritime Organization (IMO Roster of Experts and Consultants). Furthermore, he was awarded the prize of "The Slovenian Lawyer of the Year 2001" and in 2002 he was the official Candidate of the Republic of Slovenia for a judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg (ITLOS). He defended his doctoral thesis at the Mc Gill University, Faculty of Law, Canada, under the supervision of Prof. William Tetley, Q.C. For further information, please refer to his CV attached hereto.

The election of Prof. Pavliha as the CMI Secretary General would be, in our view, in accordance with the agreed reform, which was undertaken at the Centenary Conference in Antwerp. His election would contribute to a broader geographical spread of person in the Executive Council (it would be the first representative from the area of Central and East Europe) and secondly, it would be also in accordance with the guideline to seek, where suitable, younger candidates for election (he is 39).

With best wishes and kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary General of the MLAS:

Mitja Grbec, LL.M.