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### **Meeting with the representatives of The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine, IMEC and ITF in ONMA**

The meeting with the representatives of The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine, IMEC and ITF took place in Odessa National Maritime Academy with the purpose of the meeting with the Rector of the Academy, familiarization with the Academy and its simulator training base, discussion of the issues for cooperation. Francesco Gargiulo, Executive Director, Adam Lewis, Project Manager represented IMEC.

IMEC (International Maritime Employers' Council) is an association which co-ordinates the work of many member organizations in negotiations over the wages and conditions of employment of seafarers serving on the ships they operate. These negotiations often involve the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) - a major global organization representing seafarers national trade unions - as well as with the individual unions in many countries all over the world. A major function of the ITF is informing and advising unions about developments in the transport industry in other countries or regions of the world. The ITF also maintains a specialist education department, dedicated to the development of strong and democratic transport unions. IMEC keeps members advised on legal and general manpower issues affecting seafarers' employment, including developments at the International Labour Organization.

The International Maritime Training Trust (IMTT) was settled by IMEC with the purpose of providing grants for the training, education and personal development of seafarers. IMTT administers training funds included in various IMEC collective agreements in order to upgrade training facilities around the world.

IMEC has decided to grant ONMA to improve the Material and Technical Base of the Academy with the purpose of enhancing the quality of future seafarers training. The project of the full-mission engine room simulator of Kongsberg company (Norway) to be used for training and development of marine engineers will be implemented in the following months.

