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World Maritime University agreement signed

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An agreement concerning the establishment of the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden, has been signed by the Secretary-General, Mr. C. P. Srivastava, and the Swedish Ambassador to London, His Excellency Mr. Leif Leifland.

The Agreement defines the legal status of the University as an international institution under the International Maritime Organization possessing necessary attributes to function with the requisite degree of independence.

The aim of the University, which is scheduled to commence operation on 4 July this year, is to provide top-level training for personnel from developing countries in senior positions in maritime administrations, maritime training institutions, shipping companies, and other key sectors. It has long been recognized that the shortage of suitably trained personnel at very senior levels in the maritime field has been a major problem for developing countries. Although many of these countries have training facilities for more junior staff, there is no institution in the world dedicated exclusively to the training of personnel in senior management positions.

The idea of establishing a university to help fill this gap was first publicly discussed in 1980 at a seminar organized by IMO in Ottawa. Jean-Pierre Saulnier, senior representative from government terminology banks of the Eurodicantorn, made a presentation on the importance of establishing a terminology bank.

The Canadian Government is represented in the seminar with the participation of the Canadian Terminology Bank. An idea which could supply desert countries with fresh water is one of the problems facing any international organization is the need to translate documents into many different languages. The University also has the added advantage of offering training services to the maritime community.

The new water bank will be discussed further at the seminar on 31 May – 1 June 1980. The Seminar will be held on 31 May – 1 June 1980. The Seminar will be held on 31 May – 1 June 1980.