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PRESSRELEASE

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On Monday 7 December at 10.00 hours the time has come for the Fourth Graduation Ceremony in the City Hall when 85 World Maritime University students receive their Master of Science Degree from the Chancellor of the University Mr. C.P. Srivastava who is also Secretary-General of the United Nations specialized agency the International Maritime Organization in London.

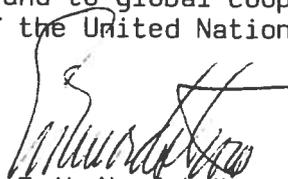
These 85 students, of whom six are women, have studied hard for two years in Malmö and will now all return to their home countries to take up important positions in the maritime field to help develop this sector for years to come.

The guest of honour from the Government of Sweden will on this occasion be the Minister of Transport and Communications Mr. Sven Hulterström and the City of Malmö will be represented by the Chairman of the City Council Mr. Percy Liedholm.

The basic aim of IMO is to promote safer shipping and cleaner oceans. Many tragedies during 1987 illustrate only too well the importance of these two aims. The students who now graduate from World Maritime University will return to their home countries much better equipped than before to support and actively develop these two aims on the national level.

The University has now been in operation for four and a half years. It started at the initiative of Mr. C.P. Srivastava and was initially considered as a rather uncertain project by many. But it is now well established and the interest in the University is steadily growing not least among the ever growing number of developing countries which want to send students for training to Malmö. A class of 102 students was admitted in March 1987 and there is every likelihood that 100 students will join again in March 1988. Nearly 30 of those students have already arrived in Malmö to participate in the Intensive English Language Programme arranged before the start of the courses mid-March 1988.

The 85 students now about to graduate will not only help to develop the maritime future of their home countries but because of the University's unique role as a "mini-United Nations" they will also contribute in future to peace and to global cooperation and understanding in the true spirit of the United Nations.



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