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Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this Administration,
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**BI- LATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RE EQUAL TREATMENT
OF PORT & ANCHORAGE DUES**

The St. Kitts & Nevis & Italian Governments have concluded a bi-lateral agreement for equal treatment on the subject of port and anchorage dues (Italian Anchorage tax). A copy of the Diplomatic Note confirming the Agreement is attached. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours truly,

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of St. Kitts and Nevis presents its compliments to the Embassy of Italy in the Dominican Republic and has the honour to refer to the latter's Diplomatic Note No. 1248/08 dated 12th May, 2008. The bilateral agreement reads as follows:

"The Government of the St. Kitts and Nevis and the Government of the Italian Republic, in accordance with applicable national laws, agree to apply, subject to reciprocity, the principles of equality of treatment regarding anchorage and port taxes, levied by both Governments on merchant marine vessels, so that national vessels registered under the flag of one Country shall be treated as equal to national vessels registered under the flag of the other Country.

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis agrees with the latter's Note and this note of answer constitutes an Agreement, made by an Exchange of Notes, between the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis and the Government of the Italian Republic which will enter into force at the receiving date of this the second of two notifications by which the two Parties shall officially inform each other that the respective procedures of ratification have been fulfilled and shall remain in force for a period of ten (10) years.

Either Government may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of intention to terminate, through diplomatic channels, one year prior to the expiration of the aforementioned ten (10) years. Upon expiration of the ten (10) year period, during which time no written notice of intent has been served, this Agreement shall thereafter, remain in force until either Government one year in advance has received a written notice of intention to terminate."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of St. Kitts and Nevis avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Italy in the Dominican Republic the assurances of its highest consideration.

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02 June 2008

