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NATIONAL UNION OF SEAFARERS OF INDIA

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sub: Change of Guard at National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI)

The Third Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) was held on Friday, 26th August, 2022 at NUSI Conference Hall, NUSI Bhavan, 4, Goa Street, Ballard Estate, Mumbai – 400 001.

One of the items on the agenda was the resignation of Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang, NUSI General Secretary cum Treasurer. With lot of reluctance, the Executive Committee agreed to honour the request to resign by Shri Serang.

Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang joined NUSI in 1983 at a very young age immediately after the demise of his father Shri Yakub M. Serang, ex NUSI Assistant General Secretary. He continued his college studies and graduated while working in NUSI. Being the great grandson of NUSI Founder Shri Mohamed Ebrahim Serang, proving his dedication, compassion, confidence, including his fighting spirit for the cause of the seafarers and their families in particular and the Indian shipping fraternity in general, was an ingrained quality of Shri Serang in his service of nearly four decades.

After the demise of Dr. Leo Barnes in 2001, he was unanimously elected as the General Secretary cum Treasurer, the post which he held till his resignation at the age of 55 years in 2022. He represented NUSI and the Indian seafarers in various statutory, national and international bodies, including National Shipping Board, Member of the Court – Indian Maritime University, Executive Board Member – ITF, NUSI/ITF Trust for Indian Seafarers, ITF Seafarers Trust – UK, Delegate at ILO, IMO. The NUSI has redefined trade unionism with its strong and fair approach and Union Social Responsibility (USR) embarking on unprecedented welfare and training facilities for the benefit of not just the seafarers but also their family members including retired, deceased, medically unfit seafarers and particularly the widows of seafarers.

The NUSI Executive Committee unanimously co-opted Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar as the new NUSI General Secretary cum Treasurer having 18 years seafarers experience, including as Bosun and has been associated with NUSI for the last two decades. Shri Louis Gomes was co-opted as the new NUSI Vice President having 21 years seafarers experience and associated with NUSI for more than a decade including as ITF Inspector. Shri Sunil Nair, NUSI Assistant General Secretary and Shri Suresh Solanki, NUSI Organising Secretary continue in their respective positions.

While agreeing to the resignation, the NUSI Executive Committee unanimously agreed to avail the services, experience and association of Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang in his capacity as NUSI Advisor with effect from 1st September, 2022.

The NUSI Executive Committee also nominated Shri Salim Zagade and Shri S. Kalaikovan as the new two NUSI Assistant Secretary respectively. Shri Maksood Khan, NUSI Assistant Secretary will continue in his position. Shri L. Dillibabu was nominated as International Inspectorate. All other positions remain the same.

The entire TEAM NUSI will continue with renewed zeal and confidence. All current welfare and training schemes will continue and await the new ones which will be introduced soon.

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Capt. N. Hiranandani
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**As decided in the NUSI Executive Committee
Meeting held on Friday, 26th August, 2022**



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