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He has the honour to refer to the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code), adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee on 21 November 2014, at its ninety-fourth session (safety-related provisions of the Introduction, and the whole of parts I-A and I-B), and by the Marine Environment Protection Committee on 15 May 2015, at its sixty-eighth session (environment-related provisions of the Introduction, and the whole of parts II-A and II-B), through resolutions MSC.385(94) and MEPC.264(68), respectively.

The consolidated certified true copy of the Polar Code as set out in the annexes to resolutions MSC.385(94) and MEPC.264(68) was transmitted on IMODOCS under the Treaties section, in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts, on 23 February 2016.

Since the issue of the consolidated certified true copy, the Secretary-General's attention has been drawn to an error in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of the Polar Code, which requires rectification as proposed in the attachment to this Note Verbale.

In this context, the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-ninth session, agreed that paragraph 1.3.1 of part I-A of the Polar Code which states that "Every ship to which this Code applies shall have on board a valid Polar Ship Certificate", should be corrected to read "Every ship to which this part applies shall have on board a valid Polar Ship Certificate". The Committee requested the Secretariat to effect the necessary correction by means of a procès-verbal of rectification (MSC 99/22, paragraphs 21.32 and 21.33).

If no objection to the proposed correction is notified to the Secretary-General before **16 July 2021**, the correction will be effected and Governments concerned will be informed of the modifications by means of a procès-verbal of rectification issued by the Secretary-General.

London, 16 April 2021

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INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR SHIPS OPERATING IN POLAR WATERS (POLAR CODE)

PROPOSED CORRECTION

(All references relate to the text of the Polar Code as it appears in the consolidated certified true copy of resolutions MSC.385(94) and MEPC.264(68))

PART I-A SAFETY MEASURES CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL

1.3 Certificate and survey

Replace the text in paragraph 1.3.1 with the following:

"Every ship to which this part applies shall have on board a valid Polar Ship Certificate."

This proposed correction applies to the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of the consolidated certified true copy of the Polar Code.
