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Dear Baroness Randerson,

Thank you for your contribution to the Oral Question debate held on Thursday 31 October. I am writing in response to your question regarding the transposition of international maritime law into British legislation, seeking assurance that the UK has now fully signed up to our international maritime obligations. I am responding on behalf of the Department for Transport.

In your contribution to the debate, you asked for assurances that the transposition of international maritime obligations is now up to date, given that the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee had previously identified significant gaps in the UK's implementation of those obligations.

In 2021, the Department compiled a list of international obligations emanating from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which formed an implementation backlog. I can confirm that all of the international measures identified at that time have now been implemented in UK law.

International maritime rules are regularly reviewed in the IMO and in the International Labour Organization to ensure that they remain fit for purpose for today's ever-evolving maritime industry and to adopt improvements whenever possible. The Department and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency continue to work hard to implement new international maritime requirements in a timely fashion, although external factors and stakeholder needs can result in small delays in implementation.

I have copied this letter to all the Noble Lords who spoke in this discussion and will place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter", followed by a long, horizontal, wavy flourish.

**Peter, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill
MINISTER OF STATE FOR RAIL**