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Your Excellency,

Re: Philippines – Crew Claims – "Garnishment" – International Group (IG) Position Paper

Further to our previous correspondence on 3-12-12, I wish to bring to your attention the following issue.

A lot of our members are facing problems with the impact of the garnishment i.e. the premature enforcement of the National Labour Relations Committee (NLRC) or National Conciliation and Mediation Board's (NCMB's) decisions although these decisions are not yet finalised.

The International Group of P&I Clubs (IG) has submitted the attached position paper suggesting to adopt the escrow system as a means to resolve this delicate matter. The paper suggests that the awards are held in Escrow until the cases reach finality before the High Courts.

We believe that the suggestion is a fair one and we would kindly request you to raise the matter with the competent authorities of your respective country in order to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

Yours Sincerely,


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