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ITF, Nautilus Calling for Increase in Global Seafarer Wage

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) and Nautilus International are to call for a significant rise in the global minimum wage for seafarers – the only internationally agreed pay floor applied to an entire industry.

Nautilus International general secretary Mark Dickinson will lead the seafarers' delegation on behalf of the ITF at talks within the Joint Maritime Commission – an International Labour Organization (ILO) standing body that has brought together ship owners and seafarer representatives since 1920.

The commission is responsible for setting the global minimum wage for seafarers – currently the equivalent of approximately USD 614 per month.

Crewing the world's roughly 52,000 ships are approximately 1,647,000 seafarers, many of whom work dizzyingly long hours, in dangerous conditions, and for far too many, in return for a pittance.

Seafarers commonly work over 90 hours a week and are away from home for up to eight months at a time.

When you consider what seafarers endure at work and the efficiencies that the merchant navy has achieved in recent years, as well as the importance of cargo carrying to the global community, it is clear that the time has come for a significant rise.

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