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The Secretary General

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Dear Sir,

**Sub:                Indian seafarers at Chinese anchorage for 5 months**

                        **FLOATING PRISON - “Jag Anand” IMO 9463308 at Jingtang**

**Many other vessels at Chinese anchorage for months**

We are disturbed, frustrated and angry to note the plight of our Indian seafarers onboard Indian flag vessel “Jag Anand” (IMO no. 9463308) carrying coal from Australia to Jingtang in North China. The vessel which arrived Jingatang on 13th June, 2020 is still at anchorage waiting for her turn to berth for last 5 months which is yet uncertain.

There are 23 seafarers on board.  15 seafarers have completed 16 months of continuous service on board while remaining 8 have completed 13 months of service on board.  A few (out of 15 mentioned) have completed nearly 20 months of service on board.  There are many other vessels waiting at anchorage for months.

We have at hand a humanitarian crisis on board where the entire crew is fatigued & requires urgent relief.  Despite the best efforts of everybody, the seafarers are not being relieved in China.

Your statement that “Seafarers are Essential workers” is of no use and value, if seafarers are treated in such unfair and inhuman manner.  Is the IMO waiting for a disaster to happen onboard ???  **We are not pleading, but are demanding urgent intervention from the IMO**.

Yours faithfully,
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