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PRESS NOTICE

Nordic Engineer Officer Federation (NMF) was founded February 21, 1919 and represents approx. 30,000 engineer officers in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands.

Statement from the secretariat meeting in Ålesund, Norway, 29th - 30th of October 2018.

Nordic Engineer Officer Federation will contribute to the development of new technologies, safeguarding the human factor, internal and external safety and security as well as competence requirements through national and international regulations.

Nordic Engineer Officer Federation notice that the business idea of replacing conventional ships with unmanned green ships, fully controlled by a computer, has now gained a common understanding of ships where competent crew will monitor, control remotely and, if necessary override the computers' algorithms.

In fact, seafarers already are educated, trained and used to cutting-edge technologies.

The STCW provides minimum standards for seafarers' competences to be internationally recognised.

To ensure the safe operation of remotely operated ships, the STCW regulations should add additional rules and tables of Knowledge Understanding and Proficiency (KUP)

Consequently, it is also necessary to modify definitions in Section A and clarify errors from the STCW 2010 revision (Manila Amendments) and make essential major changes to the Convention which will safeguard our human resources in the future.

Nordic Engineer Officer Federation fully supported and trusts that The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) can get such solution in IMO, at the revision of STCW in 2020.

Furthermore, that the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) can ensure that the EU implements higher competence requirements than STCW convention certificate requirements, to ensure competitive European seafarers into the future digital shipping.

Adequate training, education and upskilling with combination of service on board on ships and in remote control centre's will require new arrangements and give both genders a new opportunity for a better family life, thus also contributing to a safer and better society.

Ref. to: [An ETF plea to the industry and regulators for a human-centred approach to automation in shipping](#)

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