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## **Industry mourns death of IMO Secretary-General Emeritus William O'Neil**

**30<sup>th</sup> October 2020:** Mr. William A. O'Neil, Secretary-General Emeritus of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), has died in the United Kingdom, aged 93.

ICS Secretary General Guy Platten expressed his condolences to Mr. O'Neil's surviving family, and gratitude on behalf of all ICS members for O'Neil's outstanding leadership over the years.

### **Guy Platten, Secretary General for the International Chamber of Shipping said:**

"William's time as Secretary-General left a lasting impact on not just the International Maritime Organization, but on many other wider groups and organisations including the ICS. His guidance and leadership was invaluable during a stellar career, not limited to when he served as Secretary-General. He encouraged wide participation in the IMO from across the maritime sector, and inspired the adoption of many initiatives tackling global issues for shipping, which still benefit us today"

Mr. O'Neil was elected Secretary-General of the IMO for a first term of Office beginning in 1990, a second term beginning in 1994, a third term beginning in 1998 and a further two-year term from 2002 to 2004. He was the second longest serving Secretary-General of IMO and oversaw a significant increase in membership in that period.

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