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Simon Bennett is Deputy Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping, the principal global trade association for ship operators.

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