

UNCTAD Maritime Webinar Series: The Crewing Crisis - Seafarers concerns in times of the pandemic and beyond

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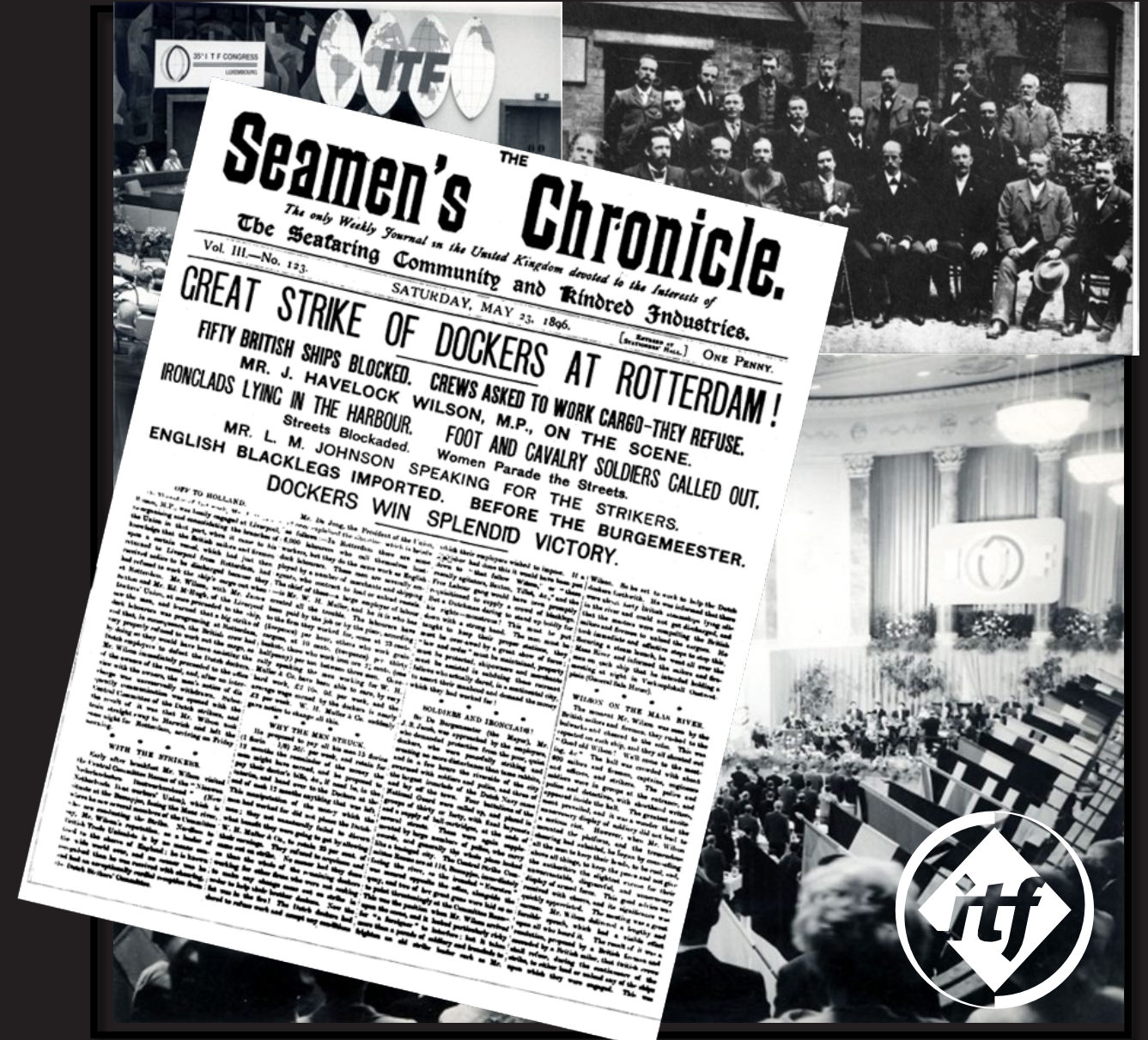
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THE IMPACT

- At its peak, 400,000 seafarers stuck on ships
- No access to emergency medical care
- Mental health impact
- Abandonments
- Threat to livelihoods through loss of income
- Economic impact on labour-supply countries



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FINDING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

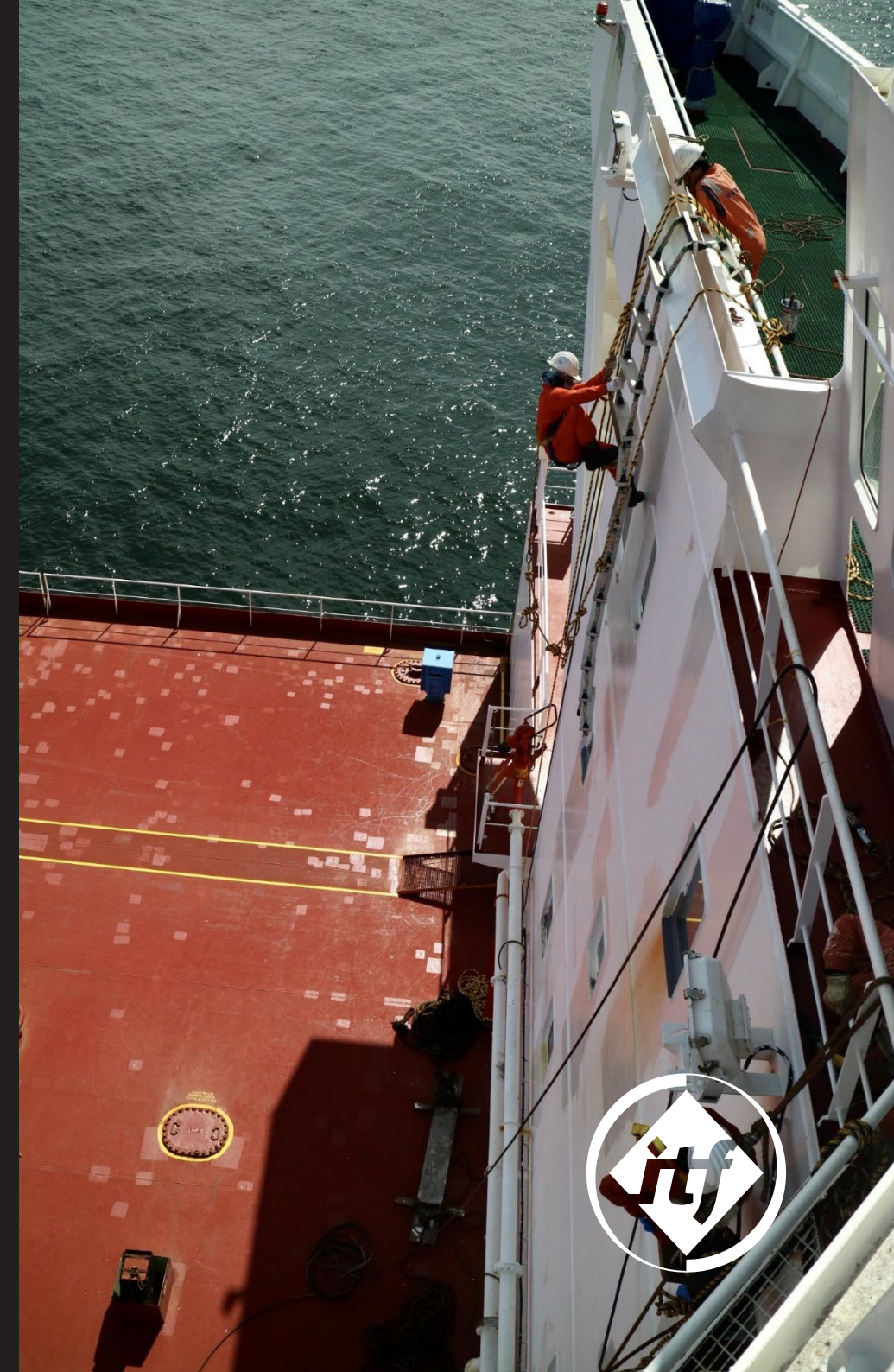
- Crew change protocols
- Pilot projects
- Neptune Declaration
- Human rights due diligence tool
- Vaccination guidance



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KEY WORKER STATUS

- Multiple global calls on governments
- 64 countries recognised seafarers so far
- Additional rights vary between countries
- Focus: priority access to vaccines



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MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION

- Foundation of the maritime industry
- Minimum human and labour rights
- MLC applies at all times, ensuring
 - decent working and living conditions
 - safe and secure workplaces
 - repatriation
 - shore leave
 - medical assistance

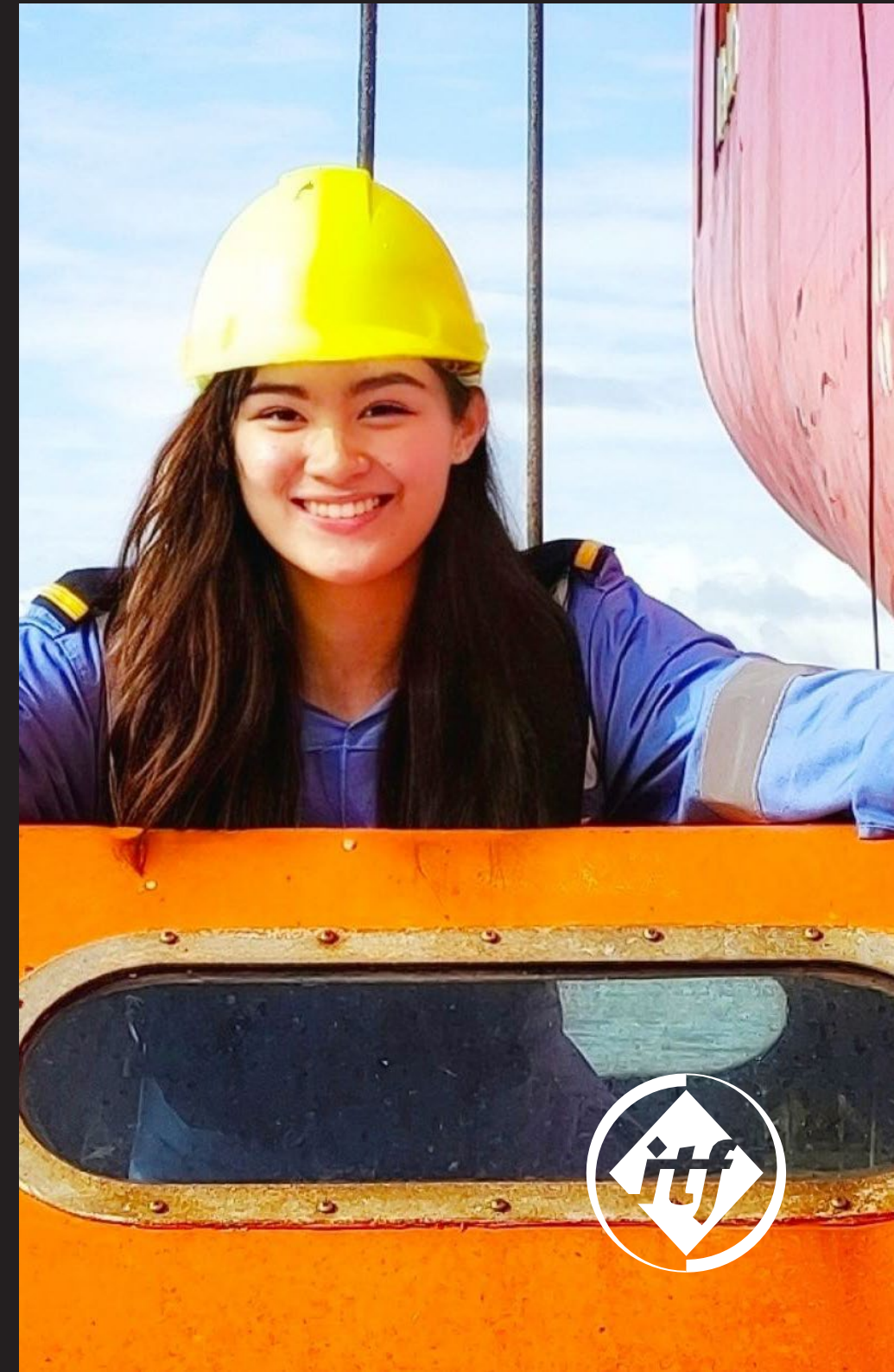


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CONCLUSION

We need to

- facilitate crew change using the available guidance
- provide priority access to vaccines for seafarers
- implement and enforce the Maritime Labour Convention





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