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No UN taxes on global shipping

The UN's International Maritime Organization (IMO) is considering compulsory emissions-related payments from shipping into a new international fund.

The proposal

- Draft IMO **Net-Zero Framework**, approved in April 2025; adoption postponed one year in October 2025.
- Ships over 5,000 gross tonnage (over 85% of shipping emissions) would make **compulsory payments**.
- Money goes to a new **IMO Net-Zero Fund**: an estimated **US$11–12 billion a year** (ICCT, March 2026).
- Costs can be passed on to businesses and consumers.

The UN's own record

- **2005:** Oil-for-Food: corruption and oversight failures documented by the Volcker inquiry.
- **2005:** a UN procurement officer pleads guilty to fraud and money laundering.
- **2010–2016:** cholera in Haiti; the UN took six years to apologize.
- **2015:** panel finds 3 senior UN officials abused their authority over child-abuse allegations.
- **2022:** UNOPS: US$63 million in risky investments; its head resigns.
- **2024–2026:** UNRWA staff linked to Hamas by UN and US investigators.
- **2026:** Iran elected to a UN programme committee.

Questions any fund must answer

1. Who receives the money?
2. Who checks the recipients?
3. Who audits the fund?
4. Who has the final say?

Our position

- **No new taxation powers for UN agencies.** OneGlobalVoice opposes the proposed IMO-administered shipping payment mechanism.

What happens next

- **Nov 23–27, 2026:** working group
- **Nov 30 – Dec 3:** MEPC 85
- **Dec 4:** possible adoption vote
- Not adopted yet. **Act now:** send the prepared email to your government.

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