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To: All IMO Member States

Subject: **Establishment of National points of contact for communication of information on piracy and armed robbery to the Organization**

Background

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session (3 to 12 June 2015), amended MSC.1/Circ.1333 by incorporating provisions for the establishment of national points of contact for communication of information on matters relating to piracy and armed robbery to the Organization.

2 MSC.1/Circ.1333/Rev.1 on revised *Recommendations to Governments for preventing and suppressing piracy and armed robbery against ships* was adopted on 12 June 2015 and revokes MSC.1/Circ.1333. Paragraph 26 of the said circular calls upon Member States to communicate to the Organization the names and contact details of national points of contact to interface with the Organization on matters relating to piracy and armed robbery.

3 In order to facilitate the communication of this information from Member States, a new list of national points of contact for matters related to piracy and armed robbery has been created by the Secretariat within the Contact Points module in GISIS (<https://gisis.imo.org/Members/CP>). This list of national points of contact is accessible on a read-only basis to all IMO member users and is not accessible to general public users of GISIS.

4 Reference is made to Circular Letter No.2892 on the IMO Web Accounts system which is the platform for management of user accounts and access permissions by Member States and organizations represented at IMO (referred to collectively as "Authorities"). Each Authority is provided with an "administrator" account through which all tasks relating to the management of authorized user accounts for the administration/organization is performed. (To recall in this regard, the "administrator" account itself is not directly used for accessing any other IMO system or performing any other function.)

Procedure for Member States to communicate to the Organization the name and contact details of national points of contact to interface with the Organization on matters relating to piracy and armed robbery

5 Contracting Governments should, via their designated IMO Web Accounts Administrator, designate the individual(s) responsible for keeping the information on national points of contact for matters relating to piracy and armed robbery up-to-date within the Contact Points module in GISIS.

6 The designated individual(s) will then have the ability to insert, update or delete details of the national points of contact for their respective Member State for matters relating to piracy and armed robbery within the Contact Points module of GISIS, which should be completed by 14 December 2015.
