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To: MARINE COMMITTEE

Copy: All Full and Associate Members (for information)

PIRACY- EUNAVFOR-CMF THREAT BULLETIN 002

Action Required: *Members are invited to consider the Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin at Annex A and, to circulate the documents on a confidential basis.*

Members are invited to consider the Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin provided by EUNAVFOR and CMF at Annex A, which provides detailed information on a piracy incident involving the MV Ever Dynamic and the FV Galerna III in the Somali basin on 17-18 November 2017.

The threat assessment highlights that piracy has been suppressed, not eradicated, and that the importance of continued vigilance and adherence to BMP cannot be over-emphasized. In particular the bulletin strongly encourages that ships maintain a high speed whilst transiting in the High Risk Area, and companies should take this into account when conducting comprehensive voyage risk assessments for voyages through the area. Registration with MSHOA and reporting to UKMTO remain essential.

Members are requested to consider the bulletin and to circulate it to their members on a confidential basis for information and, to assist in risk assessing voyages through the region, stressing that at the request of EUNAVFOR and CMF the information should not be distributed further.

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