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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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**FOR:** Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers

**SUBJECT: REPORTING OF INCIDENTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN THE GULF OF GUINEA**

### DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "ICC" – International Chamber of Commerce
- "IMB" – International Maritime Bureau
- "IMO" – International Maritime Organization
- "MDAT-GoG" – Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade-Gulf of Guinea
- "MSC" – Maritime Safety Committee
- "PRC" – Piracy Reporting Centre

### PURPOSE:

1. The IMO MSC, at its 98<sup>th</sup> session, urged all ship owners, ship operators and ship masters to register with MDAT-GoG upon entering its voluntary reporting area and to report suspicious activity and incidents of piracy and armed robbery in a timely manner.
2. The IMO MSC also urged ship owners, ship operators, ship masters and commercial companies providing risk and security advice to clients operating in the Gulf of Guinea to also report incidents of piracy and armed robbery and suspicious activity to the IMB PRC. The above comes on revelation that there has been under-reporting of such incidents against ships in the Gulf of Guinea. The timely provision of such information will support actions and interventions by regional navies in response to piracy attacks.

### REFERENCES:

- (a) **MSC.1/Circ.1585** – Reporting of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in the Gulf of Guinea, dated 05 July 2017.
- (b) **MSC.1/Circ.1601/Rev.1** – Revised Industry Counter Piracy Guidance, dated 14 June 2021.
- (c) **IMO Resolution A.1069(28)** – Prevention and Suppression of Piracy, Armed Robbery Against Ships and Illicit Maritime Activity in the Gulf of Guinea.

Yours sincerely,

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