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To: Ship-owners / Operators, Managers, Representatives of Togo flagged vessels, Deputy Registrars, Masters and Recognized Organizations

Subject: UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION ON SOMALIA

References:

- a) UN Security Council Resolution 751(1992)
- b) UN Security Council Resolution 1844(2008)
- c) UN Security Council Resolution 2036(2012)
- d) UN Security Council Resolution 2182(2014)
- e) UN Security Council Resolution 2607(2021)

I. GENERAL:

UN Security Council decided with Resolution 2607 (2021) to renew and expand the provisions set out in paragraph 15 of resolution 2182 (2014) until 15 November 2022 and authorized Member States, acting nationally or through voluntary multinational naval partnerships such as "Combined Maritime Forces," in cooperation with the FGS (Federal Government of Somalia) and which the FGS has notified to the Secretary-General and which the Secretary-General has subsequently notified to all Member States, in order to ensure strict implementation of the arms embargo on Somalia, the charcoal ban, and the IED components ban, to inspect, without undue delay, in Somali territorial waters and on the high seas off the coast of Somalia extending to and including the Arabian sea and Persian Gulf, vessels bound to or from Somalia which they have reasonable grounds to believe are:

- i. carrying charcoal from Somalia in violation of the charcoal ban.
- ii. carrying weapons or military equipment to Somalia, directly or indirectly, in violation of the arms embargo on Somalia;
- iii. carrying weapons or military equipment to individuals or entities designated by the Committee pursuant to resolution 751 (1992); or
- iv. carrying IED components identified in **Part I of Annex C to Resolution 2607 (2021)** in violation of the IED components ban.

1. Somalia Charcoal ban: The Council in paragraph 6 of resolution 2607 (2021) reaffirmed its decision regarding the ban on the import and export of Somali charcoal, as set out in paragraph 22 of its resolution 2036 (2012) ("the charcoal ban"), and paragraphs 11 to 21 of resolution 2182 (2014). Paragraph 23 of resolution 2036 (2012) and considers that such commerce in charcoal may pose a threat to the peace, security, or stability of Somalia, and therefore that the Committee may designate individuals and entities engaged in such commerce as subject to the targeted measures imposed by resolution 1844 (2008).



The resolution reaffirmed the importance of the efforts of the UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) and its international partners to monitor and disrupt the export and import of charcoal to and from Somalia;

2. **IED components restrictions:** The Council noting the increase in IED attacks decided that all States shall prevent the direct or indirect sale, supply or transfer of the items in part I of Annex C to the resolution 2607(2021) to Somalia from their territories or by their nationals outside their territories, or using their flag vessels or aircraft if there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the item(s) will be used, or a significant risk they may be used, in the manufacture in Somalia of improvised explosive devices;

3. **Arms Embargo:** All Member States are required to implement the arms embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Somalia, including the prohibition of financing of all acquisitions and deliveries of weapons and military equipment, and the direct or indirect supply to Somalia of technical advice, financial and other assistance, and training related to military activities, set out in paragraphs 9 and 19 of resolution 2551 (2020)

Exceptions to this measure are provided in the annexes A & B of the 2607(2021) Resolution and in particular for items of annex A subject to the Security Council competent committee for SOMALIA advance approval and equipment requiring notification & the above approval.

4. The above decision will be reviewed, and any extension will be decided no later than 15 November 2022 and we will inform you accordingly.

II. Togolese Ships owners/ operators & managers / Masters/ Deputy Registrars attention is drawn particularly on the following:

Since any violation of all the above may pose a threat to the peace, security, or stability of Somalia the Security Council Committee may designate individuals and entities engaged as subject to the targeted measures imposed by resolution 1844(2008).

Moreover, we inform all interested parties that in case of violation of the above and relevant UN resolutions after investigation or report of the competent bodies of UN the vessel will be canceled from the registry.

For the International Ship Registry of Togo

For the Togolese Maritime Authority



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Encl.: UN Security Council Resolution 2607 (2021)