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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the IMB Meeting on Global Piracy, Armed Robbery and Maritime Security.

I would like to thank the co-organisers of the Meeting, the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, INTERPOL and the Royal Malaysia Police, for their unfailing help and guidance with the numerous tasks which comprise the planning and implementation of such a Meeting. I would also like to thank The Caravel Group and Oceans Beyond Piracy for their generous support for the Meeting.

The meeting will discuss the commonalities and unique characteristics within the key piracy and armed robbery (P&AR) high risk areas and the challenges of response. This is a crime which often transcends territorial limits and needs a holistic response. New issues have emerged in recent years – the use of armed guards and whether or not they fit into comprehensive response measures in different high risk areas, the need for more co-ordinated use of naval vessels in anti-piracy operations, the proliferation of reporting centres and whether responses and analyses would benefit from being part of a common worldwide system, the challenges faced by law enforcement in evidence collection and prosecution, the need for greater intelligence sharing between navies, coast guards and police and understanding the human cost of piracy and how to mitigate its effects on seafarers and their families.

The problem of P&AR directly affects the shipping industry but its response and control relies heavily upon the support and determination of coastal states and their law enforcement agencies. If this Meeting brings about a better understanding of the priorities, capabilities and limitations of both the industry and response agencies so as to better support the other in their tasks, one of the Meeting's key objectives will be achieved.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to attend. I hope you will find this meeting worthwhile.

Yours sincerely,

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