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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Collation and dissemination of information relating to piracy and armed robbery

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Despite recent success in combatting piracy and armed robbery in the Indian Ocean, this phenomenon persists in the other areas of the world changing patterns and modus operandi. Piracy and armed robbery high risk areas move from one geographical region to another over time as the circumstances giving rise to these attacks or the effectiveness of the response to the attacks take effect.

The collation of real time information on piracy and armed robbery attacks and its timely dissemination to all EU interests, engaged in commercial shipping and/or fishing activities, including ships, seafarers, shipowners, ship operators, maritime response actors, agencies etc. is a key element in understanding the risk and taking effective measures to avoid or mitigate the effects of such attacks.

Regulation (EC) No 725/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on enhancing ship and port facility security stipulates in the second recital that "the security of European Community shipping and of citizens using it and of the environment in the face of threats of international unlawful acts such as acts of terrorism, acts of piracy or similar, should be ensured at all times."

Commission Recommendation on measures for self-protection and the prevention of piracy and armed robbery against ships (OJ L 67 dd. 17.3.2010) endorses the Best Management Practices to combat piracy and armed robbery in their latest version and requests the Member States of the European Union to inform the operators and ensure the implementation of self-protective measures by EU-registered ships and operators.

The Commission has therefore charged **CLS** to carry out the project on the collation and dissemination of information related to piracy and armed robbery. **CLS** is a satellite-services provider with round-the-clock operations in the maritime domain, providing LRIT, radar, SAT-AIS and tracking solutions worldwide and is SAT-AIS service operator. **CLS** has worked closely with national, European and international authorities responsible for maritime safety and security, including piracy prevention.

For the purpose of the contract an in-depth examination of the subject-matter of the study will be needed. The Contractors, CLS, have been introduced to the Maritime Security Committee (MARSEC) and to the Stakeholders Advisory Group on maritime security (SAGMaS).

The study will:

a) establish the elements of the data that need to be provided in order to ensure efficient combat against piracy and armed robbery worldwide considering the most appropriate sources. The project shall outline how the relevant data is collated and how their reliability is ensured.

b) assess and analyse the collated information for the better understanding of the threat of piracy and armed robbery outlining the patterns in various areas worldwide as well as to assess and analyse the effects of the underreporting of piracy and armed robbery incidents on the reliability of the data.

c) The project will give recommendations on the ways to developing common long term anti piracy / armed robbery strategy to enhance the protection and resilience of commercial and fishing vessels against piracy and armed robbery while at sea or when in ports and at anchorages; as well as to enhance the flow and exchange of information with the relevant authorities and other actors engaged in protecting the commercial shipping and/or fishing activities.

d) The project will also give recommendations on a sustainable, long term solution to the collation and dissemination of such information is identified and made available to all EU interests engaged in shipping and fishing activities, notably, ships, shipowners and seafarers as they sail worldwide in the performance of their duties. Any solution should outlast the high risk areas of yesterday and today, and remain equally effective as new high risk areas emerge wherever in the world in the future.

As empirical data is essential for the study and taking into account that they should be gathered through structured interviews and/or questionnaires, I would kindly ask you to assist the Contractor in their task, to provide them with the necessary information and direct them to the most suitable persons to assist them in this matter.

No individual information permitting to identify its source will be contained in the study. The information kindly provided will be used exclusively in an aggregated manner.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Robert Missen
Head of Unit