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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to the Republic of Congo) Order of 2004 implementing UN Security Council Resolutions 1552 (2004) and 1493 (2003)

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, in exercising its powers under section 3 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971, issued the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to the Republic of Congo) Order of 2004 (P.I. 780/2004 published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 3914 Supplement III (I), dated 29.10.2004), which implements UN Security Council Resolutions 1552 (2004) and 1493 (2003).
2. Order P.I. 780/2004, in implementing UN Security Council Resolutions 1552 (2004) and 1493 (2003), prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel to all foreign and Congolese armed groups and militias operating in the territory of North and South Kivu and of Ituri, and to groups not party to the Global and All-inclusive Agreement, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
3. In conformity with the aforementioned UN Security Council Resolutions, Order P.I. 780/2004 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in relation to:
 - (a) supplies to MONUC (the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo), the Interim Emergency Multinational Force deployed in Bunia and the integrated Congolese national army and police forces;
 - (b) supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance and training as notified in advance to the UN Secretary-General through its Special Representative.

4. Furthermore, pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 1552 (2004), Order 780/2004 shall remain in force until 31 July 2005.
5. The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order.

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