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All Owners, Managers and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

**Subject: Sanctions against the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Guidelines on information included in notifications by Exporting States
regarding the provision of military equipment.**

I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 9/2009, dated 30th April 2009 with regard to the issuing by the Cypriot Authorities of the relevant Prohibition of Transportation Order P.I. 187/2009¹, I wish to bring to your attention the following:

1. The Group of Experts, established by UNSCR 1533 (2004) for the purposes of monitoring the implementation of the arms embargo imposed against the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has issued an Interim report (S/2010/252) which sets out some guidelines relating to the information to be included in notifications by exporting States to the Sanctions Committee regarding the provision of military equipment². These are outlined in the attached Annex.
2. It is noted, however, that the supply/carriage by Cyprus ships of the military equipment should be made, at all times, according to the exceptions to the general prohibition, as set out in Paragraph 4(1) of the Order P.I. 187/2009.
3. It is recalled that an authorisation from the Ministry of Communications and Works should be obtained as to the transport of authorised military equipment.
4. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the Order P.I. 187/2009.

This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.

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¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4353, Supplement III (I), dated 30.04.2009

² As per Paragraph 4 (3) of the Order P.I. 187/2009, paragraph 5 of UNSCR 1807 (2008) and Article 2 (3) of the Council Common Position 2008/369/CFSP.



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 - Maritime Offices of the Department of Merchant Shipping abroad
 - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence
 - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism
 - Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Officers of the Republic
 - Cyprus Shipping Chamber
 - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
 - Cyprus Bar Association

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ANNEX

The Notifications³ by the exporting States to the Sanctions Committee, prior to the shipment of military equipment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo should include the following information:

1. Identity of the end-user (i.e. end-user certificate) of the equipment (Congoese Ministry of Defence/ Interior or relevant State institution);
2. Proposed date of the departure of the shipment;
3. Proposed date of the delivery of the shipment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
4. Details of the shipment (place of departure, transit points and place of delivery);
5. Identity of the cargo carrier/ Name and registration number of the ship;
6. Number of containers and identification serial number or marking of each container used to ship the equipment;
7. Exact quantity of the shipped equipment, including the exact number of items and the total net weight;
8. Technical specifications of the shipped equipment, including a reference on the state of the equipment including:
 - Type of equipment;
 - Name of the items according to the nomenclature used by the manufacturing company;
 - State of the equipment (newly manufactured or year of manufacture if second-hand equipment);
9. Marking numbers or codes of each shipped item;
10. Marking numbers of each packaging element used to protect the equipment during the shipment.

³ Notifications pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 1807 (2008): www.un.org/sc/committees/1533/resolutions.shtml.