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

Subject: Voluntary participation of Cyprus Flag vessels to the Multinational Sealift Coordination Center

1. Further to the above subject, I wish to inform you that the Republic of Cyprus has come into agreement with the Hellenic Ministry of National Defense by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), for the participation of the Republic of Cyprus to the Multinational Sealift Coordination Center (AMSCC). This agreement has been adopted by the Order of 2010, *P.I. 7(III)/2010*.
2. The Multinational Sealift Coordination Center (AMSCC) is an independent organization operating under the auspices of the Hellenic Ministry of National Defense and the Hellenic National Defense General Staff and is supported by the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping. AMSCC is offering the following services:
 - i. Rapid deployment of forces in EU or other multinational entity-led operations/missions conducted under the United Nations mandate and EU exercises.
 - ii. Acquisition of sealift assets through tender procedures.
 - iii. Monitoring of the chartered assets during operations.The organization is keeping a bi-annually updated database with a number of merchant vessels which can be chartered, if required, upon request of a Member State participating in the organization. The majority of the vessels have been offered by Greek, shipping owning and shipping managing companies.
3. AMSCC has significantly contributed to the successful completion of the following missions worldwide:
 - i. Call out for vessels sailing in the areas which were affected by the "Tsunami" and hurricane "Katrina".
 - ii. Evacuation of US and European citizens from Lebanon in August 2006.
 - iii. Transportation of its Member State's military equipment in 2009.
 - iv. Support to NATO and EU-led humanitarian aid operations in Pakistan in 2010.



4. The Department of Merchant Shipping wishes to encourage the voluntary participation of the owners / managers of Cyprus Flag vessels to the Multinational Sealift Coordination Center (AMSCC).
5. The owners / managers who are interested and would like to participate, may acquire detailed information about the AMSCC offered services, by visiting the organization's website at: www.amsc.org .



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