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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 Sudan) Order of 2005 implementing Council Common Position 2004/31/CFSP as amended by Council Common Position 2004/510/CFSP and UN Security Council Resolution 1556 (2004)

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, 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 Sudan) Order of 2005, Order P.I. 205/2005¹, which implements Council Common Position 2004/31/CFSP² as amended by Council Common Position 2004/510/CFSP³ and UN Security Council Resolution 1556 (2004).
2. In implementing the aforementioned Council Common Positions and UN Security Council Resolution, Order P.I. 205/2005 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts to Sudan and in particular and without prejudice to the aforementioned general prohibition, to all non-governmental entities and individuals, including the Janjaweed, operating in the states of North Darfur, South Darfur and West Darfur of Sudan.
3. Furthermore, in conformity with the said instruments, Order P.I. 205/2005 provides that this prohibition does not apply in relation to the transportation of:

¹ P.I. 205/2005 was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 3984, Supplement III (I), dated 22.04.2005).

² Common Position 2004/31/CFSP of the Council of the European Union, of 9 January 2004 concerning the imposition of an embargo on arms, munitions and military equipment on Sudan.

³ Common Position 2004/510/CFSP of the Council of the European Union of 10 June 2004 amending Common Position 2004/31/CFSP.

- (a) Non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, or for institution building programmes of the UN, the African Union, the EU and the Community, or of materiel intended for EU, UN and African Union crisis management operations;
- (b) de mining equipment and materiel for use in de mining operations;

Provided that such exports have been approved in advance by the competent authority of the Member State of the European Union in question;

- (c) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Sudan by United Nations personnel, personnel of the EU, the Community or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel for their personal use only.

4. The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order.

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