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To: All IMO Member States
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the State of Libya**

On 22 December 2018, the Ports and Maritime Transport Authority of the State of Libya sent the attached communication, with the request that it is circulated by the Organization.



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Subject : Hijacking of Libyan flagged vessel MT. BADR IMO No. 9356426 at port of Bourgas - Bulgaria

Dear Mr. Secretary General

I am pleased to present my compliments to your good self and to the staff of your good organization.

We would like to bring to your kind attention that at 14:04 on 21st Dec 2018 the Libyan flagged vessel MT. BADR IMO No. 9356426 , which is detained by court order at the port of Bourgas (the detention case still under court procedure) was subject to a hijacking operation by a group of the Bulgarian border police whom have embarked the said vessel , cut out all means of communication , forced her crew to disembark at gun point and replaced them with a new crew in order to hijack the vessel .

The Libyan Ports & Maritime Transport Authority wish for your kind intervention with the Bulgarian Maritime Authority to stop this piracy act and re-embark the original crew assigned by the managers of the vessel.

You are kindly invited to bring the case to the attention of all concerned parties including Maritime Administrations and port state control authorities of all members of your good Organization to prevent any intended actions by the hijackers such as change of flag for above mentioned vessel.

Note: attached herewith all correspondences exchanged with the Bulgarian Maritime Authority regarding the detention of the subject vessel which clearly indicate that the concerned Bulgarian authorities are complicit with the claimer despite the fact that the court has issued a ruling to release the vessel.

With the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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