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

On 30 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 and best wishes for a happy new year to your good self and to the staff of your good organization.

Further to our communication dated Sat 22/12/2018 regarding the above subject, we would like to inform your Excellency that the vessel was provisionally registered under the Panamanian flag on 13/12/2018 and was issued with a provisional registry certification No. 51160-PEXT and the provisional Radio License No. 16220, call sign HOEC IMO No. 9356426. The Panamanian **general directorate of merchant marine was contacted**, informed of the situation and they started the **cancelation process of their registry after discovering that the documents submitted by the hijackers were fake** [as per the e-mail received from Mr. Fidel Gonzalez F. Deputy Chief of the Segumar Office of the General Directorate of Merchant Marine (copy attached)]. **The vessel has sailed out of the Bulgarian territorial waters regretfully with the permission of Bulgarian maritime authority whom are well aware of the situation and she is now in the international waters in the black sea.**

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

With the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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