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MEASURES TO PREVENT UNLAWFUL ACTS  
AGAINST PASSENGERS AND CREWS ON BOARD SHIPS

The attached measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews on board ships, contained in a communication by the Commandant of the Hellenic Coast Guard, are being implemented in Greece in conformity with those specified in MSC/Circ.443.

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1 At the recent fifty-fourth session of the Maritime Safety Committee the Greek delegation, referring to MSC/Circ.443, informed the Committee of certain measures taken to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews on board ships.

2 This paper is intended to notify IMO of the progress made so far in Greece in implementing the measures prescribed in MSC/Circ.443, which has as follows:

- .1 The existing national legislation and regulations provide for penalties to persons gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to ports or commit unlawful acts in port areas. Therefore, no additional legislation is presently considered necessary;
- .2 The Ministry of Mercantile Marine is the competent Authority responsible to ensure the development, implementation and revision, if necessary, of ship and port facility security plans;
- .3 A special section within the Port Police Division<sup>\*</sup> of the Ministry has been established in order to co-ordinate all necessary activities aiming at improving the existing security measures and develop additional measures, as appropriate, in conformity with MSC/Circ.443;

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- .4 The Ministry has also established a special training centre of the Hellenic Coast Guard, where Coast Guard personnel and ship security officers are trained in new methods and techniques in dealing with unlawful acts against ships and persons. A considerable number of personnel has already completed training and are assigned security duties in port facility areas;
- .5 The Ministry has, in addition, recommended to shipowners to make available to ship security officers the necessary equipment for inspection of passenger's baggages. It also requires that each Master establishes a special security team from crewmembers, with a view to detecting suspects on board ships and acting accordingly;
- .6 Designated guards prevent unauthorized access to ships and port facilities and control and inspect all persons, baggages and stores entering the ships. Following the preliminary assessment and on-scene security survey, measures, in addition to those existing, are taken, as regards vehicle traffic and access to ports through check points, in particular in the port of Piraeus;
- .7 Undercover guards patrol the port facility area and monitor every suspect person or vehicle;
- .8 Passengers, crews and others who are authorized to board the ship are provided, by the ship security officer, with a photocopy of their passport, seaman's book or identification card with their picture and particulars. Visitors are not allowed to board the ship, unless they are provided with a written permit of the shipowner, endorsed by the port police office; and
- .9 Finally, every bag and parcel is thoroughly inspected by the ship security team before allowed onboard.

3 The implementation of the aforementioned measures is closely monitored. Additional measures, as appropriate, may be taken, if and when the circumstances so warrant.

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