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التنظيم عالميا، النضال من أجل حقوقنا

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Dear Social Partner

Re: The Piracy Petition

We are pleased to inform you of the launch today of a global e-petition demanding concrete action from governments to put an end to the scourge of piracy in the waters off Somalia. Specifically it calls on nations to:

- Dedicate significant resources and work to find real solutions to the growing piracy problem
- Take immediate steps to secure the release and safe return of kidnapped seafarers to their families
- Work within the international community to secure a stable and peaceful future for Somalia and its people

We are hoping to deliver at least half a million signatures to governments by IMO World Maritime Day, September 23rd and we need you to ensure we achieve our target.

This petition forms the centrepiece of a joint campaign instigated by an unprecedented coalition of concerned maritime organisations – shipowners’ associations, insurers and seafarers’ trade unions to get governments to address Somalia’s problems and prevent the continued escalation in attacks on shipping.

In the last two years over 1,800 seafarers have been kidnapped leaving families distraught with worry and uncertainty. Every day shipping companies are facing significantly increased costs due to the security risk. This has got to stop. We say enough is enough! Governments must act now to fight piracy.

So we are calling on you to join forces with us, go to www.endpiracypetition.org sign the petition, contact your colleagues, your crew, your family and friends and urge them to sign up too. Let’s raise the profile of the industry and protect our seafarers.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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