TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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SUBJECT : MADAGASCAR SEA OPERATION / INFORMATION ON the CAOM AND ITS ATTRIBUTIONS

The decree n°2012-319 of March 20, 2012 carried creation within the Agency Harbour, Maritime and River (APMF) of the Center of Support to the Maritime Operations (CAOM), entity which replaces the “Center of Maritime Operations” (COM) of the Ministry for Transport.

This new administrative structure CAOM, represented by its national coordinator Mr JOSEPH AMADE, ensures the coordination of the services which are delivered by any private or public operator safety protection of the ships and the crews.

Consequently Mr AMADE Joseph is the new National Focal Point for the fight against maritime piracy.

The CAOM is thus the structure of the Malagasy State entitled to inform the requests of authorization which can be necessary to operate starting from the Malagasy territory as regards maritime safety.

Being this particular field of maritime safety, the CAOM intervenes under the supervision of Ministry for Transport and represents the Ministry for Transport in its field of competence. The CAOM will give, in his capacity as national coordinator, its visa on the request for authorization of transit, embarkment / disembarkment of weapons, ammunitions or Teams of PCASP (Privately Contracted Armed Security Personal) before addressing it to the Minister Armed Forces which will treat and rule in last spring and all sovereignty for all questions related to national defense.

Consequently, any request for authorization to operate in relation to the activities related to maritime safety (in particular : embarkment / disembarkment materials or Teams of PCASP called, ask transit of weapons or materials associated, request for stopover or territorial water damping with PCASP and/or weapons on board etc…) must be imperatively addressed to the CAOM with the address at the foot of the page.

The CAOM will communicate to the petitioning operators the procedures specific to their activities.

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