To: All IMO Member States and Associate Members

Subject: Reminder to submit information in relation to MSC-FAL.1/Circ.2 on Questionnaire on information on port and coastal State requirements related to privately contracted armed security personnel on board ships

1 MSC-FAL.1/Circ.2 on Questionnaire on information on port and coastal State requirements related to privately contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) on board ships, issued on 22 September 2011, calls upon port and coastal States to raise awareness of their relevant national legislation, policies and procedures relating to the carriage, embarkation and disembarkation of firearms and security-related equipment through their territory and the movement of PCASP by completing the questionnaire and submitting it to the Organization.

2 The Organization has received only a limited number of responses since issuing Circular Letter No.3366 on 14 May 2013 reminding States to submit the information contained in the annex to MSC-FAL.1/Circ.2 to the Organization at their earliest convenience.

3 Given the uncertainty of the lawful employment of PCASP in the territorial waters of States which have not provided the information and bearing in mind the possible consequences and ramifications ship masters and ship operators may face when employing PCASP while being unaware of the national requirements and laws in force, the Secretariat reiterates the call upon all States to provide the information in relation to MSC-FAL.1/Circ.2.

4 The responses to the questionnaire and any related national legislation, policies and procedures provided may be sent by e-mail to falsec@imo.org (or in hard copy to the above address) and will be posted by the Secretariat, in the language received, on IMO's public website (http://www.imo.org).