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To: All IMO Members
United Nations and Specialized Agencies
Intergovernmental Organizations
Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status

Subject: **Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) – Inter-agency platform for information sharing on migrant smuggling by sea**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its ninety-fifth session (MSC 95) approved the development of an Internet-based **Inter-agency platform for information sharing on migrant smuggling by sea** (the platform) as part of the IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS), with the aim of facilitating reporting and global access to information on migrant smuggling by sea, and promoting the exchange of data.

2 The platform, jointly developed up by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and IMO, was launched on 6 July 2015. The platform includes:

- .1 a joint database on migrant incidents and on suspected smugglers and vessels. The revised reporting format for States, international organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations was recently agreed by MSC 95; and
- .2 relevant information provided by IOM and UNODC.

Design

3 The Platform has been designed to allow the updating of the database by entering, editing or deleting existing records pertaining to migrant incidents and suspected smugglers and vessels. Access to this interactive function of the database is strictly via a log-in password, provided to authorized Member States and organizations to ensure authentication of the information contained in the platform (Circular Letter No.2892 of 24 June 2008 on the IMO Web Accounts system).

4 The platform is available to the general public through the GISIS web page on a read-only basis with the possibility of searching the database and retrieving information on the available reported information.

Data already populated in the joint database

5 The platform has been populated by the IMO Secretariat using the data contained in existing FAL.2 circulars.

Action requested of Member States

6 Member States are encouraged to upload information on reports of migrant incidents and on suspected smugglers and vessels.

7 Should any problems be encountered whilst entering information, Member States should contact IMO at email address: gisis@imo.org

8 Brief instructions on how to manage the data in the Platform via the GISIS website are attached in the annex.

9 The function of the FAL Database within GISIS promulgating Reports on unsafe practice associated with the trafficking or transport of migrants by sea (Circular Letter No.3281 of 28 June 2012) has been deactivated and is no longer available in GISIS.

ANNEX

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO MANAGE PLATFORM DATA

Member State access to the GISIS module for the Inter-agency platform for information sharing on migrant smuggling by sea (the Platform)

As a module within the integrated GISIS system, the Platform can be accessed via the GISIS Members Area at <https://gisis.imo.org/Members>

Access to GISIS requires an appropriately authorized IMO Web Account, which are maintained by the nominated IMO Web Account Administrator for each Member State. The Administrator should grant permissions to the IMO Web Account(s) of the authorized individual(s) within the administration who will be entering and updating information for the Member State. (The IMO Web Accounts system is detailed in Circular Letter No.2892 which includes the Administrator's Manual.)

When a user with appropriate access to update information within the Platform logs into GISIS, they will see the module listed on the homepage as below:



Browsing data within the Joint database

Upon accessing the Platform and clicking on "View database", a list of all recorded incidents is displayed.

Reporting State	Incident date	Ship name / IMO Flag	Num. migrants	Fatalities	Missing	Description of incident
Belgium	2015-04-13	MS 'MARIANNA' (Belgium)	0	0	0	MS 'MARIANNA' was intercepted at sea by the Belgian coast guard on 13 April 2015. The vessel was carrying 192 migrants and was found to be carrying 192 migrants on board.
Italy	2012-08-03	MS 'MARIANNA' (Italy)	0	0	0	MS 'MARIANNA' was intercepted at sea by the Italian coast guard on 03 August 2012. The vessel was carrying 192 migrants and was found to be carrying 192 migrants on board.
Italy	2012-08-02	MS 'MARIANNA' (Italy)	0	0	0	MS 'MARIANNA' was intercepted at sea by the Italian coast guard on 02 August 2012. The vessel was carrying 192 migrants and was found to be carrying 192 migrants on board.

To limit the displayed records to a particular set of interest, or to identify a specific incident within the database, use the "Filter Incidents" function:

Filter incidents

REMOVE EDIT Reporting State is Argentina

REMOVE EDIT and Incident date is 2015-07-15

and Incident date is 2015-07-15 Add filter

Apply filters



To view full details of an incident, click on an entry in the table.

Updating data

To update data for an existing record, first select it as above to view its details, then click on the "Edit" button. To submit the details of a new incident not recorded in the database, click on "New Incident".

In both cases, the incident form is displayed showing the fields to be completed, with drop-list selections where appropriate. Provide complete information relating to the incident; the minimum fields of information which must be completed are highlighted.

Finally click "Save" to submit the information into the database:


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Members Home > Inter-agency platform for information sharing on migrant smuggling by sea > Joint database
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Joint database Relevant information

Joint Database on Migrant Smuggling by Sea





Report on Migrant Incidents

Reporting State:

Source:

Date:

Time: : Local onboard UTC

Position of the incident:

Coordinates:

Ship name: Ship search ▲

IMO Number:

Flag:

Call sign:

If it is a boat, description:

Last port of call:
Enter port name if not listed above

Date and time of departure from last port of call: :

Next port of call:
Enter port name if not listed above

Date and time of departure from next port of call: :

Number of crew

Total number:

Add number of crew by nationality

Nationality:

Number:

[Add this number](#)

Number of migrants and other persons on board

Male adults: <input type="text"/>	Male minors: <input type="text"/>
Female adults: <input type="text"/>	Female minors: <input type="text"/>

Add number of migrants by nationality

Nationality:

Male adults: Male minors:

Female adults: Female minors:

[Add this number](#)

Additional details

Number of fatalities (counting only bodies found):

Number of people missing:

Name of the rescue unit:

Type of rescue unit:

Brief description of the incident and measures taken (include date/time as necessary):

Details of smuggling of migrants by sea:

Additional comments and recommendations (if any):