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Dear Members,

Further to today's ad-hoc meeting of the Maritime Security Working Group, please find attached two documents that were shared with us, originally coming from the Philippines' government and relevant to the discussion.

**DMW Advisory No. 21 (10 July 2025)** - Issued by the Philippine Department of Migrant Workers, this advisory affirms the right of seafarers to refuse sailing through high-risk or warlike areas. In such cases, seafarers invoking this right must be repatriated. It also states that *'All licensed manning agencies and their accredited foreign principals/shipowners must reroute or divert their vessels manned by Filipino crew to avoid ITF/IBF-designated warlike and high-risk zones, particularly the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.'*

**IMO Circular Letter No. 4886** - This communication to the IMO from the Government of the Philippines presents a draft resolution to the UN Human Rights Council. It delivers a message urging all shipping industry stakeholders to uphold and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all seafarers in line with international human rights instruments.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out.

Kind regards,  
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