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: ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIPOWNERS, **MANAGERS** AND **OPERATORS** OF PHILIPPINE-REGISTERED SHIPS, MASTERS, CREW AND OTHERS

CONCERNED

SUBJECT: REPORTED CASES OF PIRACY INCIDENTS IN THE

SINGAPORE STRAIT

This refers to the letter of 2 January 2020 from the Maritime and Ocean Affairs Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs in relation to the increasing number of piratical incidents in Singapore Strait that brought a total of thirty (30) piracy incidents for year 2019 alone. The latest was on Christmas Day, 25 December 2019.

Based on the News Report, the Singapore-based Regional Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre has expressed their concern over the sudden spike of the piracy incidents. ReCAAP has urged ships travelling in the area to be on high alert and be warned of possible future attacks.

In view thereof and to ensure the safety and security of all seafarers onboard Philippine-registered and other foreign flagged ships transiting the Singapore Strait and other High Risk Areas, all concerned are strongly directed to exercise utmost vigilance, to adopt extra precautionary measures and to report all similar incidents immedidately to the nearest coastal area.

For your guidance and strict compliance.

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