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TO : ALL PHILIPPINE-REGISTERED SHIPS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES, SHIPOWNERS, SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OPERATORS, MANAGERS, MANNING AGENCIES AND OTHER MARITIME ENTERPRISES

SUBJECT : PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN LIGHT OF THE ESCALATING CONFLICT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN

In view of the significant military activity and escalating conflict between the US-Israel and Iran, all Philippine-registered ships engaged in international voyages, ship owners, shipping companies, ship operators, managers, manning agencies and other maritime enterprises are directed to immediately observe the following precautionary measures:

I. On Situational Awareness and Monitoring

1. Continuously monitor maritime security advisories and warnings issued by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), and relevant Flag State authorities;
2. Maintain close and continuous watch of the vessel's AIS (Automatic Identification System) and GMDSS systems at all times;
3. Masters and officers on watch must maintain heightened vigilance and situational awareness throughout the affected areas.

II. On Safe Navigation

1. Strictly adhere to established traffic separation schemes and best management practices;
2. Maintain strict radio watch and communication protocols with UKMTO and other maritime authorities while navigating in the region;
3. Monitor NAVTEX and relevant maritime navigation warnings for latest updates on safety zones, restricted areas, and naval operations.

III. On Communication and Reporting

1. Immediately report any incident, observed military activity, or suspicious approach to the ship to MARINA, through the Overseas Shipping Service, at the earliest opportunity;
2. Maintain 24-hour communication watch with shipping companies, technical managers, and Migrant Workers Office (MWO) posts in the region;

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3. Masters and crew are directed to report the ship's current position, next port of call, and operational status to their respective owners/operators/managers, who shall in turn relay material information to MARINA as appropriate.

IV. On Security Measures on Board

1. Implement heightened security protocols in accordance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code;
2. Conduct security briefings for all crew members and ensure General Emergency and Ship Security alarm procedures are well-trained;
3. Review and activate the Ship Security Plan (SSP) appropriate to the threat level in the area of operation.

V. On Crew Welfare and Safety

1. Ensure that all Filipino seafarers on board are properly accounted for and their welfare is prioritized throughout the duration of the conflict;
2. Owners and operators are reminded of their obligations under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006 to ensure the safety and wellbeing of seafarers, including timely repatriation when warranted;
3. In cases where seafarers are distressed or require urgent assistance ashore in affected countries, the nearest Philippine Embassy or Consulate, as well as the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), must be immediately contacted.

All vessel owners, operators, technical managers, and manning agencies are directed to immediately disseminate this Advisory to their respective vessels operating in or bound for the affected areas. You are likewise urged to report any information relating to the aforementioned directive to the following:

Maritime Industry Authority

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Strict compliance with this Advisory is earnestly sought.

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