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ANNEX A

European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz **Voluntary Reporting**

Rising insecurity and instability have been witnessed in the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz in 2019 with multiple maritime and non-maritime incidents as a result of growing regional tensions. This situation has been affecting the freedom of navigation and the security of vessels and crews in the area for months.

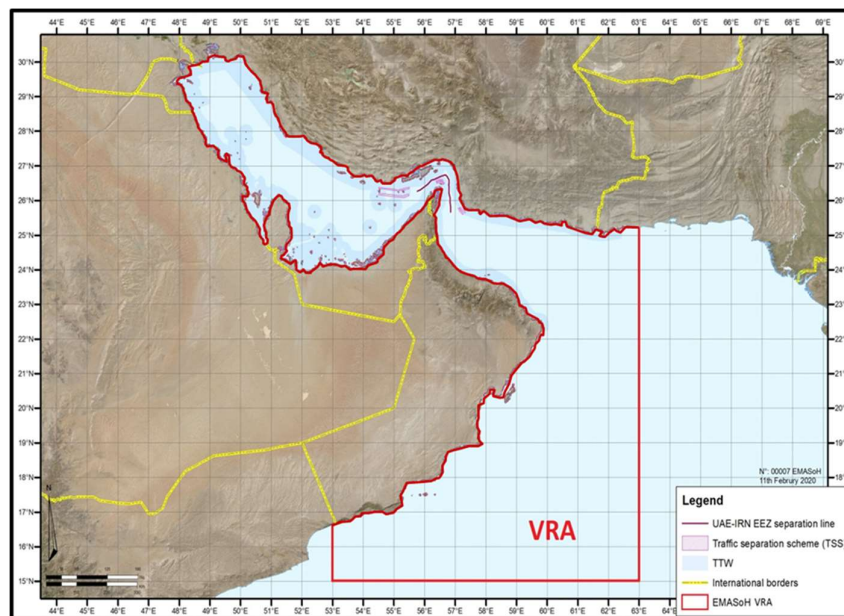
Sharing the assessment that the situation in the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz remained unstable in a region critical to global stability, and supporting the de-escalation approach when it comes to dealing with regional security issues, the governments of Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands and Portugal, more recently joined by Norway, politically supported the creation of a European-led maritime surveillance mission in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASOH).

In complementary with existing maritime security efforts and initiatives in the region, including IMSC, EMASOH aims to ensure a safe navigation environment and to lower the existing tensions in the region. Its headquarters is located in Abu Dhabi.

In full accordance with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the mission concretely provides enhanced maritime situation awareness and surveillance through the deployment of additional maritime surveillance assets in the Gulf and Arabian Sea.

We would be grateful would you contribute to enhancing the maritime situation awareness in the area by reporting to us. You can provide us with data related to your transit and you can also report suspicious behaviours or unusual events.

The EMASOH Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) comprises the entire Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, and a part of the Arabian Sea (eastern limit parallel 63E, southern limit meridian 15N and western limit in the north Arabian sea parallel 53E). See chart below.



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All ships entering the EMASOH Voluntary Reporting Area are invited to provide the following information **48 hours prior to entering the area or as soon as possible** and **report suspicious behaviour or unusual events**:

Email us at Ctf474-emasoh.vra.fct@def.gouv.fr

Initial Report	
Ship name	
IMO number	
Flag state	
Bridge phone number	
Ship Master email	
ETA entering the Voluntary Reporting Area (If applicable)	
ETD exiting the Voluntary Reporting Area (If applicable)	
Next port of call	
ETA at next port of call	
Final destination	
ETA at final destination	
Intended transit speed	

Incident report	
You may want to report suspicious behaviour or unusual event	

Final report	
Please report your actual time of arrival / of exiting the Voluntary Reporting Area	
Ship name	
IMO number	
ATA destination	
Actual time exiting the Voluntary Reporting Area (If applicable)	

We are very grateful for your contribution to enhancing the maritime awareness in the area. It is obvious that all data collected by us and all your reports will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

Once again we thank you very much for your support.

We wish you fair winds and following seas.

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*Yours Faithfully,
the Staff of EMASOH*

