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Subject: "Establishment of a Permanent Representation of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the IMO".

Establishment of the IMO Perm Rep

The Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry (G-B ISR) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau's Permanent Representation to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) effective 14th January 2025, achieved under the guidance and in coordination with the Guinea-Bissau competent Ministries Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Communities, Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Digital Economy of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau. This step aligns with IMO Resolution A.505(XII), which encourages Member States to establish Permanent Missions to enhance communication and collaboration with the IMO Secretary-General.

Acting Permanent Representative

The General Ships Registrar of G-B ISR has been appointed as the Acting Permanent Representative, serving as the official link between Guinea-Bissau and the IMO on all political, diplomatic, administrative, and technical matters within the IMO context. This appointment underscores G-B ISR's capacity to advance Guinea-Bissau's maritime interests effectively.

Significance and Benefits of the IMO Perm Rep establishment

The establishment of a Permanent Mission brings substantial benefits, enabling Guinea-Bissau to:

- Strengthen its engagement with the IMO and influence key maritime policies in accordance with GB ISR policy priorities to the benefit of its stakeholders.
- Access tailored technical cooperation programs for capacity building, training, and modernization of its maritime sector.
- Enhance the global visibility of G-B ISR, attracting more international shipowners and operators to its registry.

Enhanced Focus on Technical Cooperation

By actively participating in IMO's technical cooperation programs, Guinea-Bissau can address critical challenges in its maritime sector, including safety, environmental sustainability, and operational efficiency. These programs provide a platform for targeted capacity-building initiatives, allowing Guinea-Bissau to modernize its maritime infrastructure and develop the expertise of its personnel. This dimension directly complements the strategic goals of G-B ISR, reinforcing its ability to deliver high-quality services to its clients.

Value to G-B ISR Operations

The Permanent Representation significantly enhances the operations of G-B ISR by ensuring its policies and practices align with the latest IMO regulations and standards. This alignment not only strengthens compliance but also boosts the credibility and competitiveness of the registry on the

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international stage. Moreover, the Permanent Mission provides an opportunity to foster partnerships and collaborations that benefit both the registry and Guinea-Bissau's broader maritime sector.

The G-B ISR expresses its gratitude to the Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Digital Economy for their support in achieving this milestone and reaffirms its commitment to leveraging this representation to advance Guinea-Bissau's maritime interests globally.-

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