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As we enter the New Year, I wish, on behalf of the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry (GB ISR), to extend my sincere greetings and best wishes to our shipowners, operators, financiers, maritime professionals, institutional partners, and all stakeholders across the global maritime community.

The year just concluded marks the **successful completion of the fourth consecutive year of operational activity** of the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry. This milestone reflects not only sustained growth, but also the consolidation of a modern, responsive, and internationally aligned flag administration, founded on professionalism, regulatory discipline, and close cooperation with the industry.

During this period, GB ISR has established a **competitive and credible track record within the major Port State Control Memoranda of Understanding**, supported by targeted fleet oversight, structured compliance monitoring, and close coordination with Recognized Organizations and operational partners. The Registry's presence across key MoUs demonstrates our commitment to quality shipping and to maintaining vessels that meet the highest international safety, security, environmental, and labour standards.

Regulatory compliance remains a cornerstone of our flag State policy. The Registry operates in **full alignment with all IMO substantial key international conventions**, including SOLAS, MARPOL, STCW, Load Lines, COLREG, and the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. This comprehensive convention coverage is complemented by structured internal procedures and continuous improvement mechanisms, ensuring consistency, transparency, and accountability in flag State implementation.

The GB ISR fleet today reflects a **deliberately diversified profile**, encompassing vessels across multiple types, sizes, and operational trades, serving all principal market segments of international shipping. This diversification enhances fleet resilience, supports risk-balanced growth, and allows the Registry to respond effectively to evolving market dynamics and regulatory developments.

A further defining achievement has been the **continued expansion of the Deputy Registrars and representatives' network**, now covering all key maritime regions. This growing global footprint ensures proximity to our clients, timely operational support, and effective coordination with local maritime stakeholders, reinforcing GB ISR's service-oriented approach.

Early 2025 also marked a strategic institutional milestone with the **establishment and operational activation of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to the International Maritime Organization**. Through this Mission, Guinea-Bissau has been actively represented during the deliberations of the **34th IMO Assembly** and across several IMO Committees and Sub-Committees, contributing constructively to regulatory discussions and strengthening the country's engagement within the international maritime governance framework.

In parallel, GB ISR has maintained **active cooperation with major trading partners, flag states and relevant international stakeholders** to ensure effective coordination in relation to sanctions-related

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provisions and compliance expectations within global maritime markets. This engagement supports legal certainty, operational continuity, and responsible participation in international trade.

Looking ahead, the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry remains firmly committed to **safe, secure, environmentally responsible, and commercially efficient shipping**. We invite shipowners, operators, managers, financiers, and maritime partners to actively participate in the next phase of the Registry's development, contributing to the continued expansion of GB ISR's market share and to the delivery of high-quality & competitive flag State services.

Together, through partnership, compliance, and shared commitment, we can secure a resilient and efficient maritime future.

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