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**Prohibition of Transportation of Arms  
(Nuclear, Chemical or Biological Weapons and Related Material)**

The widespread proliferations of arms and terrorism have seriously threatened international peace and security, and as such, the trafficking of arms (nuclear, chemical or biological weapon and related material) has to be stopped.

All UN Security Council Resolutions which imposes sanctions against the carriage of such cargoes must be strictly adhered to. Shipments of prohibited cargoes going to and from any port may be stopped and inspected for weapons of mass destruction or associated items.

A ban may also be placed by the UN Security Council on imports and exports of weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts. In the event that the ship owner, ship manager and master of a Kiribati registered vessel need to transport any of these cargoes, prior authorisation must be sought from the Kiribati Ship Registry (which shall notify in advance the relevant UN Sanctions Committee of any shipment of arms and related material). All parties concerned must assist and co-operate fully with international inspections at all times.

Any Kiribati registered ship which contravenes the sanctions is liable to have its registration cancelled. In addition, the Kiribati Ship Registry will also not hesitate to take severe punitive action against shipowners, shipmanagers and masters for such contravention.

This circular must be brought to the immediate attention of ship owners, ship managers and masters of Kiribati registered ships.

Yours truly,



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