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**CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST
THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION**

Communications by Austria and Germany

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and to state that he received, on 6 January 2020, communications from the Republic of Austria and the Federal Republic of Germany containing objections to the reservation made by the Republic of Iraq under article 16 of the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, on 11 February 2019, and circulated by means of circular SUA.1/Circ.91.

Austria's objection was expressed as follows:

"The Government of Austria has examined the reservation made by the Republic of Iraq to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (hereinafter "Convention") on 11 February 2019.

Article 16, paragraph 2 of the Convention provides that a State Party may only "at the time of signature or ratification, acceptance or approval of this Convention or accession thereto" declare that it does not consider itself bound by any or all of the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article.

The Republic of Iraq deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention already on 21 March 2014, without making the above-mentioned reservation. Austria therefore considers the reservation to be formulated late and opposes it."

Germany's objection was also expressed as follows:

"Article 16, paragraph 2 of the Convention provides that a State Party may only at the time of signature or ratification, acceptance or approval of this Convention or accession thereto declare that it does not consider itself bound by any or all of the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article.

The Republic of Iraq deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention on March 21, 2014, without making the above-mentioned reservation. The Federal Republic of Germany therefore regards the reservation as not having been made in due time and hereby opposes it."