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

**Non-acceptance of reservation**

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 the reservation submitted by the Republic of Iraq under article 16 of the Convention, on 11 February 2019 (circular SUA.1/Circ.91), as well as the objections to the reservation received from six States Parties (circulars SUA.1/Circ.92 and SUA.1/Circ.93).

Article 16(2) of the Convention provides that "Each State may 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. The other States Parties shall not be bound by those provisions with respect to any State Party which has made such a reservation". In this context, the Republic of Iraq, which acceded to the Convention on 21 March 2014, is considered to have submitted the reservation late.

Pursuant to depositary practice on late reservations, the Secretary-General, having received at least one objection within 12 months from the date of submission of the reservation by the Republic of Iraq, has accordingly not accepted the reservation in deposit.