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To: Whom it may concern

Subject: **Israeli Ports security**

Following the recent events also known as Operation Lion's Roar, we find it necessary to update our previous statement and reassure that our ports, Eilat, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Hedera and Haifa are fully open for business and functioning at full capacity.

As for the security, all port exceed ISPS standards and are highly protected strategic facilities. The state of Israel invests extreme efforts to protect the ports, that are considered as the safest in the world, thanks to multi layered security, high standard of Cyber security at all times and also protected by the highly efficient *Iron dome* among other anti-rocket systems both on land and at sea that are assigned specifically to protect the maritime commerce, it has been proven over and over again to be super effective.

Furthermore, the Israeli Government has, via its property tax fund, initiated an insurance scheme for all vessels on route to or calling Israel (within commercial waters).

In general, **steps have been taken** by the government to minimize risk levels for calling ships. Bottom line, as a fact, despite several previous conflicts, no damage was sustained to any ship moored in all our ports, i.e. **zero in port incidents**.

At the moment all our ports are at security level 1, other than that, there are no special instructions and there are no civil limitations whatsoever.

The security situation is assessed continuously, any change will be communicated immediately.

The safety and security of the maritime community is our top priority.

Best regards,

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