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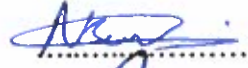
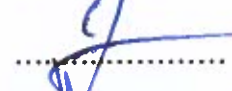

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The Liberia Maritime Authority (LMA) is recognized as being among the most prominent ship registries in the entire globe. Both the global registration of ships and the management of vessels flying the Liberian flag are under its purview. In addition to this, it is responsible for the registration of any ships flying any other flag. The government of Liberia has implemented a wide range of reforms in recent years in order to strengthen the country's maritime defenses. One of these steps was the establishment of the Liberian Coast Guard, which is charged with protecting Liberia's territorial waterways, enforcing maritime laws, and preventing illegal maritime activities such as piracy and illegal fishing. It has ratified the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) and takes part in activities that aim to improve regional security. In addition to that, it has given its approval to the International Aviation Security Code. The Liberia Maritime Authority is in charge of monitoring all maritime activity in the country's navigable waterways. This is done so that they can keep an eye on a number of problems that have raised concerns, such as piracy, illicit fishing, and smuggling. It is the responsibility of the Liberia Maritime Authority to fulfill this requirement.

The government has shown that it is committed to improving maritime security by ratifying a number of international accords and working closely with a number of foreign partners in order to improve the security of maritime transportation. These actions were taken in an effort to make maritime travel more secure. The Liberian Maritime Authority (LMA) is the government agency that is tasked with ensuring that all vessels flying the Liberian flag comply with the rules that govern the process of registering those vessels and inspecting their cargo. To ensure that the provisions of the United Nations Convention

on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) are carried out as intended, the international community must cooperate. In order to ensure the security of vessels flying the Liberian flag, the government of Liberia is obligated to comply with the regulations that have been set forth by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). All vessels that are registered under Liberia's jurisdiction will be required to install a Safety Management System (SMS) that was developed by Liberia. These steps would strengthen maritime security and help create an atmosphere that is safer for the country's residents as well as people living in other parts of the world.

Keywords: Liberia, United Nations, Law, Sea, Maritime, Organizations, Liberian Flag

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AU :African Union

BMPs :Best Management Practices

CSC :Convention for Safe Containers

COLREGs :Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea

CECAF : Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries

CMI :Comité Maritime International

CCRF :Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

CECAF :Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries

COMHAFAT :Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean

ECOWAS : Economic Community of West African States

EU : European Union

EUMSS:European Union Maritime Security Strategy

FAO : Food Agriculture Organization

FAPS : Food and Agriculture Policy and Strategy

FCWC :Fishery Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea

GMDSS : Global Maritime Trouble and Safety System

HR : High-Risk Ship

ISM : International Safety Management

ICJ : International Court of Justice

IMO : International Maritime Organization

ISPS :. International Ship and Port Facility Security

ITLOS : International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea

ICCAT : International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

LLC: Limited Liability Company

LMA : Liberia Maritime Authority

LSC : Liberian Ship-owners Council

LISCR: Liberian International Ship and Corporate Registry

LRS : Low-risk ship

MLC : Maritime Labor Convention

MRU : Mano River Union

MoU : Memorandum of Understanding

MTS : Maritime Transportation System

MARPOL: Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

MS : Motor Ship

NATO : North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NIR : Inspection Regime

RMS : Royal Mail Ship

RFBs : Regional Fisheries Bodies

RLM : Liberia Maritime Regulation

SMS : Safety Management System

SOLAS : Safety of Life at Sea

STCW : Standards for Training, Certification, and Watch-keeping for Seafarers

UK : United Kingdom

USA : United States of America

UN : United Nations

UNCLOS : United Nations Convention of the Law of Sea