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Dear Captain Irace,

I am writing to you in relation to the work carried out by your Association in support of operations to rescue and disembark irregular migrants travelling by sea in the last years.

Italy has been actively engaged in alleviating the tragedy of irregular migration by sea and hundreds of thousands of people have been gathered and rescued by naval and coast guard units, who have tirelessly worked for the rescue of these human lives during these past years.

The contributions of a range of organizations have been very significant and essential to the success of the operations, and I refer, in particular, to the assistance provided by your Association in the mooring and landing operations at Italian ports of the boats and ships carrying rescued migrants on board. The selfless assistance provided by the pilots in the ports has been of great value and has substantially contributed to the success of such operations.

Therefore I would appreciate if you would convey my deepest appreciation and that of the International Maritime Organization to the members of your Association for the extraordinary work accomplished.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



Kitack Lim
Secretary-General

