



TECHNICAL ALERT No. 15-30

UN Security Council Resolution 2240

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The United Nations (UN) Security Council adopted Resolution 2240 on 09 October 2015.
- 1.2. The Resolution provides for, inter alia, inspections of ships on the high seas off the coast of Libya which are suspected of involvement in migrant smuggling or human trafficking.
- 1.3. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) wishes to bring the information referenced in Paragraph 1.1 to the attention of interested parties¹.

2. UN Security Council Resolution 2240

- 2.1. UN Security Council Resolution 2240 was adopted by the Security Council at its 7,531st meeting on 9 October 2015.
- 2.2. The Resolution is available to download from the Security Council website at the following link:

[http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2240\(2015\)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2240(2015))

- 2.3. Paragraph 6 of the Resolution calls upon UN Member States acting nationally or through regional organisations that are engaged in the fight against migrant smuggling and human trafficking to inspect, with the consent of the flag State, vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya which they have reasonable grounds to believe have been, or imminently will be, used for migrant smuggling or human trafficking from Libya.

¹ This Technical Alert is provided by the Bahamas Maritime Authority with the aim of highlighting incidents, lessons learnt and to increase awareness, which may help avoid similar incidents occurring elsewhere. Any queries on the content of the information provided should be referred to the party providing the information.

- 2.4. Paragraph 7 of the Resolution authorises such Member States, for a period of one year from the date of adoption of the Resolution, to inspect on the high seas off the coast of Libya vessels that they have reasonable grounds to suspect are being used for migrant smuggling or human trafficking from Libya, provided that efforts are made in good faith to obtain the consent of the vessel's flag State prior to inspecting the vessel.
- 2.5. Paragraph 9 of the Resolution calls upon flag States to cooperate in respect of paragraphs 7 and 8.
- 2.6. The Bahamas will not ordinarily withhold consent to any request based on reasonable grounds from a Member State to inspect any Bahamian vessel under the terms of the Resolution and will cooperate fully with Member States and regional organisations in order to meet its obligations under the Resolution.

3. Validity

- 3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

4. Revision History

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