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EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Informational Message to Shipping Industry

As you are aware, the Houthi threats in Red Sea and Gulf of Aden are linked with Gaza Strip war. As the first phase of the ceasefire between Israel and Gaza has now officially ended EUNAVFOR ASPIDES has observed that no direct attack has been carried out against a merchant vessel in the Red Sea for few weeks. However, this ceasefire remains fragile, with a persistent tensions, humanitarian concerns, and complex negotiations involving both regional and international stakeholders. Moreover the Houthi have issued an ultimatum to Israel regarding the lifting of the blockade on aid to Gaza, warning that attacks on merchant vessels could resume.

For all these reasons, **our recommendations**, posted on MSCIO webpage, **remain unchanged** and the decision to transit in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden stay at your discretion and responsibility. Be assured that ASPIDES remains fully committed to safeguarding freedom of navigation by support in these waters.

To benefit ASPIDES supports and to stay informed through our weekly updates, we recommend you to consult the information available at <https://mscio.eu> or contact us directly at postmaster@mscio.eu

This operation has been established by the European Union to provide the necessary support for the maritime security of your vessels and crews. Our commitment remain steadfast, as the threat continues to persist in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.