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From: The Chairman of the IMO NAVTEX Panel

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Estimado Capitan

NAVTEX SERVICE AREAS INTHE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2009, which very comprehensively summarises the recent correspondence regarding NAVTEX service areas in the Eastern Mediterranean.

As stated at the NAVTEX Panel meeting held at the International Maritime Organisation in January this year, changes to the International NAVTEX service can only be achieved by agreement between all the parties affected. Under the circumstances detailed in your letter, I agree that further discussion of this issue at this time would not be productive and that the current arrangements should remain unchanged.

I am very grateful to yourself and Capitan de Fragata Juan Antonio Aguilar Cavanillas for the time and effort that you have spent on this issue.

Yours sincerely

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