



Reference: **BC/OLC/**

Date: **9 July 2015**

Dear Sirs,

SUBJECT: REVISION OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC TASK FORCE, AU HEADQUARTERS, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA ON 23 TO 24 JULY 2015

I have the honour to refer to my letter under reference BC/OLC/24.15-1/930.15 and dated 26 June 2015 on the above matter.

The Commission would like to inform you that due to circumstances beyond its control, the inaugural meeting of the Strategic Task Force will take place only for one (1) day on **24 July 2015**. The purpose of the meeting is to formally establish the Task Force and start the process of consultations on how it the Task Force will perform its mandate. In addition, the Task Force will consider and adopt its Terms of Reference

Furthermore, the Commission would like to inform you that the program of events for the launch the Decade of African Seas and Oceans (2015-2025) and celebrate the African Day of Seas and Oceans has been revised as follows:

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| a) Meeting of the Strategic Task Force | 24 July 2015 | 8.30 am to 4.30 pm |
| b) Panel Discussion | 24 July 2015 | 5.00 pm to 7 pm |
| c) Official Dinner | 24 July 2015 | 7:30 pm |
| d) Launch of the Decade of Africa Seas and Oceans and Celebration of the African Day of Seas and Oceans | 25 July 2015 | 9.30 am to 1 pm |

In addition, there will also be some side events on 24 July 2015 organized by the Ship Owners Association and Women in Maritime Women.

The Commission regrets any inconvenience caused by the revision of the program for the events

I thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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