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Oggetto: Place of safety Lampedusa - rescue case 12.06.2019

Dear sir/madam,

Please be advised that SEA-WATCH 3 is a Dutch flagged ship and is obliged to adhere to Dutch and international laws regarding the search and rescue of persons in distress at sea. I contact you regarding the rescue from 12 June. The Libyan Coast Guard did not provide a place of safety and the MRCC Rome who is responsible for the closest place of safety, Lampedusa, denied responsibility. As flag state you have the responsibility to coordinate the rescue and the following disembarkation of the people rescued at a place of safety. I am since 3am today just outside the TTW of Lampedusa. I kindly ask you to provide me with clear indications of the best options in the interest of the rescued people.

Background:

I remained in the area of the rescue awaiting the indication of a POS.

The POS I got assigned cannot be considered a POS as for reasons listed in my mail of 13 June at 14:06.

Being responsible for the life of the rescued people on board as well as for the safety of navigation for them and my crew and vessel, I changed my course northwards, following the less disturbing course for the people on board (against the wind and swell). This is as well in the direction of the closest safe port from the position of the rescue, according to the definition of safe port within the legal framework binding me as Captain of a Dutch vessel.

Current situation:

We currently have on board 53 rescued persons, including 9 women (of whom 2 are pregnant), 2 infants younger than 2 years and 4 unaccompanied minors. The majority of our current guests have suffered inhumane treatment and abuse of their fundamental rights and dignity: Many have been in detention, forced labour and have experienced forms of human trafficking. From 8 consenting guests, we also have referrals of particularly vulnerable cases requiring onward treatment or care on shore at the soonest opportunity, including those who have suffered slavery, torture, sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

Please provide me with an option for disembarkation or trans-shipment which ensures the safety of the survivors, and is in compliance with all applicable laws, treaties and conventions, without further prolonging their stay at sea.

Kind regards,

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