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### BIOGRAPHIES SUPPLEMENT

**Joyce Marangu Awino** is a maritime expert who has served as a Research and Business Development Officer with the Kenya Maritime Authority since 2009. In addition to coordinating and conducting ongoing research on shipping and maritime security, including coastal surveillance systems, she implemented the International Ship and Port Facility Code in coordination with the US Coastguard. Ms. Awino holds a M.Sc. in International Trade Policy and Trade Law from Lund University, a B.A. from Moi University, as well as post-graduate diplomas in Executive Maritime Management from the World Maritime University, and in International Trade Policy and Trade Law from the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa. In 2016, she was elected Marketing and Communication Officer and Chair of the Publicity Committee for the Association for Women in the Maritime Sector in East and Southern Africa (WOMESA).

**Brigadier General Guy Pierre Garcia** of the Republic of the Congo is Deputy Secretary-General of ECCAS, where has led the Department of Human Integration, Peace, Security and Stability since July 2012 since succeeding General Antonio Egidio De Souza Santos. He was Regional Chief of Staff of the Multinational Force for Central Africa (FOMAC) of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) from July 2006 to March 2012. Prior to that, he held several other positions including: Head of the FOMAC Implementation Task Force, Director of Operations at the General Staff of the Congolese Armed Forces and Military Advisor to the President of the Republic of the Congo, Chief of Staff for the Pool Brazzaville Theater of Operations, Chief of Staff to the Chief of the General Staff of the Congolese Armed Forces and Advisor to the President for Military Affairs.

**Mr. Mohamed Elmoctar Tolba** is currently the Coordinator of the "COSM" Maritime Security Operational Unit created in 2016 under the Ministry of Fishing and the Maritime Economy in Mauritania. The organization's primary missions are the development and implementation of maritime regulations, State Port Control, State Flag Control and activities related to the ISPS Code. He holds a Masters degree in Ports and Maritime Management from the Université Littoral Côte d'Opale (ULCO) in Dunkirk, France, a degree in banking and insurance and a Tunisian engineering certificate in Merchant Marine and Fishing (Chief Engineer). At the end of his professional career as chief navigating engineer, Mr. Tolba worked as an expert/consultant for maritime insurance companies and P&I clubs prior to taking a government post (Merchant Marine) with responsibilities related to maritime safety and security, marine environmental protection and seamen's training.