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Dear Delegates,

The Polish Naval Academy in cooperation with The Polish Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania and the Environmental Protection Agency of the Republic of Lithuania would like to invite you to the international workshop entitled "Environmental Effects Related to Waste Originating from Sea-Dumped Chemical Munitions" which is to be held at the Polish Naval Academy in Gdynia, Poland, on 5th November 2012.

During the workshop, the participants will have the opportunity to further assess international efforts, with regard to the eventual modalities for voluntary exchange of information, promotion of international cooperation to assess and increase awareness on the issue of sea-dumped chemical munitions worldwide. Furthermore, the participants will be able to exchange information on the latest findings related to impact on environment caused by waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, to discuss possible ways forward for enhanced cooperative actions and facilitation of the framework for international scientific networking and cooperation, as well as to share the best practices on awareness raising and incidents prevention in fishing or shipping activities.

One of the most important objectives of this workshop will be elaborating a voluntary reporting model for the implementation of the resolution A/RES/65/149 entitled "Cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea" to be submitted during the United Nations General Assembly's 68th Session in autumn 2013. This model would facilitate the exchange of information and allow a comprehensive collection of data with regard to the waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, including on their potential effects on environment, dumping sites etc.

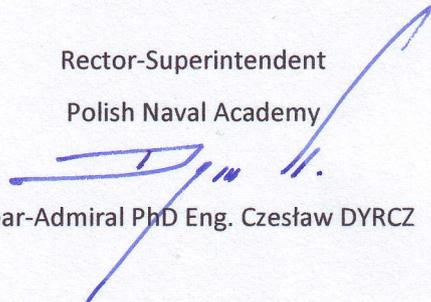
Please find enclosed draft programme, registration and hotel booking forms. The organizers would very much appreciate if you could inform about your participation no later than 15th October 2012. Completed registration form, should be send in one e-mail to both the host nation point of contact j.fabisiak@amw.gdynia.pl, a.podscianski@gios.gov.pl, and aidas.sunelaitis@urm.lt

I look forward to your participation in this important seminar.

Yours sincerely

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