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Asunto: MNEX 15 SP - NAVAREA WARNING

Sirs,

I'm Commander Luis Perales, OPR of exercise MNEX 15 SP that took place last November. For the exercise we requested for NAVAREA I and II Coordinators the emission of a NAVAREA WARNING to provide information about the exercise and encourage ships to participate.

As NAVAREA III Coordinator, Spanish Authorities had no problems to transmit the requested text, though long it could be, asking ships to release their Formats ALFA, and providing information about how to do it.

However, NAVAREA I and II Authorities, after an initial release of the whole message, they cut it a couple of days later, alleging it was no SAFETY information. I'm not the right man to discuss what is MSI and what it is not; but I think that promoting ships participation in an exercise where SECURITY is being improved, it is important enough to deserve some transmission time. Mainly having in mind the transmission will last just a few days.

As I intend to forward a similar request for exercise MARSEC 16 next May, I would like to discuss these terms in advance. I'm firmly convinced that improving ships participation in SECURITY exercise deserves the effort and time for this.

Thanks for your thoughts on this.

Best regards

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