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**Black Sea Grain Initiative
Joint Coordination Centre**

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On 22 July 2022, Türkiye, the Russian Federation and Ukraine signed The Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Other Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports (the Initiative, also known as the Black Sea Grain Initiative). The Initiative states that a Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) would be established under the auspices of the United Nations, with representation of all the Parties, to conduct general oversight and coordination of the Initiative. The JCC was formally established on 27 July 2022.

After several safe “proof of concept” transits of vessels in and out of Ukrainian ports, on 06 August 2022, the JCC approved the “Procedures for Merchant Vessels” engaged in the Initiative, contained in the Annex. The procedures are mandatory requirements pursuant to the SOLAS Regulation XI-2/11 and the ISPS Code, Part A, section 4.2 and Part B, section 4.26, as a condition of port entry or departure to or from the Ukrainian ports.

The Parties have requested that the United Nations, as Secretariat of the JCC, give wide dissemination of the Annex to the maritime industry.

Sincerely,

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Annex: Procedures for Merchant Vessels

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