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Subject: Basel Convention - Notification BR231121.

Dear Madam / Sir,

- 1. This document makes reference to the Letter E-51475790-145.01-4286521 from August 9th 2022, related to your <u>consent with conditions</u> on the exportation of ex-NAE São Paulo, an end-of-life Military Ops Vessel, to SÖK DENİZCİLİK TİC. VE LTD ŞTİ, located Ayagaz Cad., Gemi Solum Bolgesi, 8-9 Parsel, Aliaga, IZMIR/TURKEY, during the period of December, 2021 up to December, 2022, as presented on Notification **BR231121**.
- 2. We would like to clarify some issues, in order to maintain official information updated and avoid possible unprecise information from multiple sources.
- 3. Ibama is not part of this legal process, which has no relation to Basel Convention Procedure. We are in touch with the competent authorities, and we expect to send relevant information to you as soon as we as possible, hopefully no later than Friday.
- 4. The legal process was initiated by a Brazilian NGO named Instituto Foch. Its founder has a personal wish to turn the old vessel into a museum. See https://pt-br.facebook.com/saopaulofoch.org/. The decision you mentioned is not from the Supreme Court, but a preliminary decision from a 1st degree judge. Therefore, the decision is subjected of appeal. We are following the case closely and we will be glad to share it with Turkey promptly.

- 5. It is important to highlight that the authorization for the export of the vessel was issued in June, 7th, 2022 and that the transboundary movement was initiated in August, 4th, 2022. Hence, we state that, as we received your communication in August 9th, 2022, the vessel had already left Brazilian territorial waters, according to information from the Brazilian Navy. The vessel is following its predicted course, its location is known and have been followed remotely.
- 6. Notwithstanding, we acknowledge your request for a new inventory of hazardous materials report. We have informed the export company about the content of your Letter E-51475790-145.01-428652 and we have requested a response within 72 hours of our notification. Immediately after we receive the answer, we will send you a copy, so all Competent Authorities involved will be able to make decisions or take actions based on shared information

Kind regards,

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