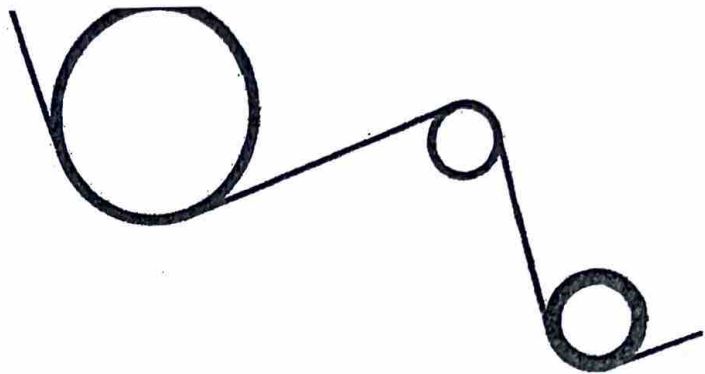


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Geneva, 7 February 2024

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Indian Navy and the crew of the INS Visakhapatnam for the assistance provided to the MV Marlin Luanda following a missile attack in the Gulf of Aden on Friday 26 January 2024.

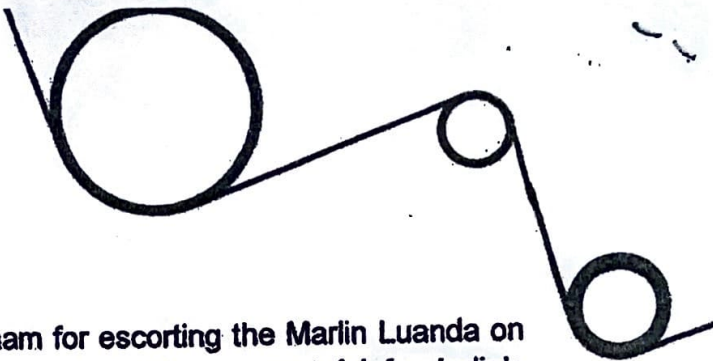
As you may be aware, the strike caused a fire in one of the fuel tanks onboard the tanker, which was fully laden at the time. The swift and decisive actions of the INS Visakhapatnam were instrumental in enabling the crew to control and suppress the fire, and eventually to voyage safely to a secure location.

The INS Visakhapatnam moved quickly to guard and support our stranded vessel and crew, along with US and French Navy ships. Crew members of INS Visakhapatnam joined the Marlin Luanda crew on board to provide assistance in fighting the fire and eventually were able to lower a steel plate over the fuel tank to extinguish the fire, save the vessel and ensure the safety of all on board.

The successful intervention of the INS Visakhapatnam crew in extremely difficult circumstances was truly remarkable and stands as a testament to the professionalism, bravery and ingenuity of the Indian Navy.

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I would also like to thank the INS Visakhapatnam for escorting the Marlin Luanda on her onward voyage once the fire was under control. We are grateful for India's commitment to the safety of merchant shipping and seafarers.

Once again, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Indian Navy.

Please convey my deepest thanks and congratulations to all of those involved in rescuing the Marlin Luanda and ensuring the safe return of its crew.

Yours sincerely,



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