



Communications from ship captain to the Regional Coordination Centre:

NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS: To assist you with this exercise, you may consult the document with the title 'Rescue at sea: A guide to principles and practice as applied to migrants and Refugees'

TO: RCC

FROM: M/V

VERY URGENT VERY URGENT VERY URGENT

ATTN. EMERGENCY RESPONSE DEPARTMENT.

AA. FOUND FOREIGN MAKESHIFT VESSEL IN DISTRESS. NO FLAG.

BB. 40 PASSENGERS. CAPACITY 10. THOSE ONBOARD ALIVE. UNKNOWN NUMBER DROWNED
EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID REQUIRED. DEHYDRATION.
HYPOTHERMIA. 4 CHILDREN. ONE NEWBORN

CC. FOREIGN VESSEL MOTOR DAMAGED. UNSEAWORTHY. URGENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED.

DD. CURRENT LOCATION THREE DAYS FROM COUNTRY A. FIVE DAYS TO B.
BOUND COUNTRY B FROM COUNTRY A.

EE. COUNTRY B IS PROBABLY COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE OF PERSONS IN DISTRESS. ALMOST
ALL UNDOCUMENTED. MAYBE SOME ASYLUM SEEKERS?

FF. OUR CREW 15, CERTIFICATE ACCEPTS UP TO 17.

GG. WE CARRY PERISHABLE CARGO 3,000 TONS FRESH TOMATOES.
IF ROTTEN, CLIENT LIKELY TO REJECT MERCHANDISE AS PER CONTRACT.

HH. LIMITED FOOD WATER SUPPLIES FOR ALL.

II. INSTRUCTIONS URGENTLY REQUIRED.

JJ. END

MASTER

EXERCISE: please read the document and draft a reply from the RCC, making sure that the advice given is compliant with international law.