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Dear ISMERLO Stakeholders,

COMSUBNATO is proud to announce the launching of the new International Submarine Escape and Rescue Liaison Office (ISMERLO) website.

This announcement comes after a very busy period of development and co-operation, led by COMSUBNATO, supported by other NATO organisations, and the website development contractor TIVIX. Effective immediately, the new ISMERLO website is available for familiarisation by worldwide community users. The new website will formally be the primary co-ordination platform for submarine rescue events commencing on the 1st of January 2021

This fantastic milestone has enabled COMSUBNATO to fulfil its international obligations as agreed within the worldwide Submarine Emergency and Rescue community. With the launch of the new website we have considerably uplifted the capabilities to co-ordinate an international response to a distressed submarine event with state of the art software, world class cyber security, and a much improved capability to allow for international and national coordinated rescue response actions to be taken.

To date, we have received an overwhelmingly positive response from those that have had early access. The website project continues to evolve and grow stronger with an ongoing programme of development, fed by the positive contributions made by your commands, and implemented by the ISMERLO team in liaison with the development organisations. As such, I strongly request your involvement in ensuring that your teams are familiar with the new website and receive the proper training from the ISMERLO team. Additionally, I ask you to encourage your teams to provide feedback to further enhance and refine the submarine rescue processes undertaken on the website.

While it is my sincerest wish that we never have an incident which requires the actual use of this new website, I am confident that the new website will help improve our rescue efforts in the event of such an unfortunate incident.

Very respectfully,

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