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Mediterranean MoU on Port State Control Concludes Successful 27th Committee Session

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The 27th Session of the Port State Control Committee for the Mediterranean Memorandum of Understanding (Med MoU) concluded successfully, marking a significant step forward in enhancing maritime safety, security, and environmental protection across the region.

Chaired by the Med MoU Chairman Mr. Panayiotis Varnavides, the Committee reviewed a full agenda and made several key decisions to strengthen the regional port state control regime.





Key outcomes of the session include:

- **Membership Expansion:** The Committee formally welcomed Albania and France as full members, with membership effective from 1 January 2026. France acceded by signature during the session, while Albania is expected to finalize its accession before the end of 2025.
- **New Relevant Instruments:** The Committee formally endorsed the incorporation of MARPOL Annex VI and the Hong Kong Convention as Relevant Instruments within the Med MoU framework. This decision, made to ensure harmonization with prevailing international standards, will take effect on 1 January 2026.
- **Adoption of Ship Risk Profile:** In a move to harmonize with global practices, the Committee agreed to adopt the Paris MoU Ship Risk Profile (SRP), with a planned two-year transitional period starting in January 2027. This will enhance the targeting of substandard ships.
- **Focused Campaigns:** Endorsement was given for participation in the 2026 Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Cargo Securing and to participate in future Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC).
- **Combating Substandard Shipping:** The Committee agreed to systematically assign a high-inspection priority to vessels on the IMO's GISIS list of false flags to combat fraudulent registrations and certificates.
- **Technical Upgrades:** Important technical upgrades were approved, including the automatic dissemination of port calls in the THETIS-Med system to improve data accuracy and inspection targeting.

The Mediterranean MoU continues to work diligently with its member authorities to eliminate the operation of substandard ships within the region, protect the marine environment, and safeguard the rights of seafarers.

The 28th Committee Meeting (PSCC 28) is tentatively scheduled to be held in Croatia in October 2026.

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