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The Embassy of Italy presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and has the honour to refer to the case of the ship Enrica Liexe.

The Embassy of Italy has been informed that a legal injunction has been addressed to the Master of the ship based on an investigation undertaken by the Kerala Police.

The Embassy of Italy has the honour to refer to its Note Verbale 67/438, dated 16th February and to recall that, based on international law, the Italian judicial Authorities are the sole competent judicial Authorities for the case in question. However, in a spirit of co-operation, the Italian Government is ready to work together with Indian Authorities in order to ascertain facts and responsibilities.

The Embassy of Italy has the honour to inform the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, that a high-level Delegation of officials from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Justice is ready to visit India and work with their Indian counterparts, in order to find a mutually acceptable procedure to establish the truth. In the meantime, no unilateral coercive measure should be taken.

The Embassy of Italy, New Delhi, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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