**E.F. Shipping Co. response regarding worker disappearance**

*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited E.F. Shipping Co. S.A. to respond to the following items:*

* *"Missing Seafarers Reporting Programme: Family Impact Statement", Maria-Katerina Naki, via Human Rights at Sea, Feb 2016*

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/20160204-MSRP-FIS-KATERINA-NAKIS-ENGLISH-FINALSECURED.pdf>

* *“Father sues shipping outfit for son’s disappearance at sea”, SETexasRecord, 15 May 2015*

<http://setexasrecord.com/stories/510607295-father-sues-shipping-outfit-for-son-rsquo-s-disappearance-at-sea>

*In response, EF Shipping Co. sent the following statement:*

“Please note that I have been passed for reply your message of 15 February 2016 to Efshipping Co. S.A.

Reference is made to your message of 15 February 2016, inviting my client to comment on the allegations made by Nakis’ family members.

Perhaps you may be interested to know that the issues raised in your message have been the subject of a civil litigation in the U.S.A. and a preliminary inquiry of the Piraeus Public Prosecutor in Greece.

These proceedings so far have produced no evidence to suggest that seafarer Nakis’ disappearance is anything else but a misadventure.

In addition, the judicial inquiry currently being conducted by the Piraeus Public Prosecutor has so far revealed non impropriety in this case.

Last but not least, the Flag State Administration has carried out its own investigation, which ended up in a verdict of misadventure.

As the preliminary inquiry of the Piraeus Public Prosecutor is held in secrecy, we regret to say that our client is unable to engage itself in any open forum discussion over this subject as you suggest.”