



Geneva Centre  
for Security Sector



## Montreux Document Forum Event

**Cordially invite you to attend the side event on “Strengthening Private Military and Security Companies’ Regulation in the Maritime Context”, to take place on**

**Thursday, 20 October 2022**

**From 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm**

**Conference Room 11,**

**United Nations Conference Building, 1st Basement Floor**

*The event will be preceded by a buffet at 12:45 pm, next to the Vienna café with light refreshments*



Please register [here](#) by 18 October 2022

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*Meeting number: 2346 700 4180*

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## **BACKGROUND**

Maritime security is part of a holistic ocean governance and is critical to improving ocean resilience and the ability of nations to pursue the blue economy agenda. To this end, maritime security strategies are necessary to ensure the protection of the maritime space, improve the standard of living of coastal communities, and strengthen the ability of States to sustainably use their marine resources.

Private military and security companies (PMSCs) are now part of the landscape as they play an important role in providing maritime security services, including in response to the phenomenon of piracy. It is therefore necessary to address the challenges posed by such operations, including with respect to jurisdiction or the relationship between PMSCs and coastal States. In this regard, the Montreux Document and the Reference Document are important international instruments that should be considered by states and other stakeholders in dealing with PMSCs to serve as a starting point for this much needed discussion.

The purpose of this side event is to provide a forum in which these challenges are openly debated. For that, the debate will count with the valuable contributions of representatives of coastal and flag States, international organizations, and civil society.

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### **1. OPENING**

*Opening remarks by*