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SAR related Serious Incident Report		Serial Number:
Subject:	Incident JORA nr. (IN PROGRESS)	
Joint Operation:	Hermes 2014	
Reporting unit/person:	ICC Rome	

General information on the incident

Incident date/time	18/July/2014 - 11.00 local time (Italy)
Original informant	Italian Coast Guard
Finding date/time/source	18/July/2014 - 19.00 local time (Italy) - Motor/Vessel Torm Lotte
Location of the Incident:	88 NM south-east Lampedusa
Latitude / Longitude	
Reference to operational area	Inside "M1"
SAR activated date/time	18/July/2014 - 19.00 local time (Italy)
Involved Frontex assets	No
Distance Incident place to Frontex assets	-
Detection date/time/who	18/July/2014 - 19.00 local time (Italy) - Motor/Vessel Torm Lotte
Estimated POB	400
Dead and/or injured persons	19
Embarking port	Augusta
Involved authorities	Italian Coast Guard - Maltese Coast Guard

Fact of the case

On 18 July 11:00 LT, MRCC Rome has located a Thuraya satellite phone call in position [REDACTED] Maltese SAR Zone.

MALTA MRCC, had sent some merchant ships, for search and rescue the boat with migrants in distress.

At 19:20 LT were involved in SAR operation Italian Coast Guard units also, because there were some migrants at sea.

At 22:40 LT, ITA/GC/CPVs, have intercepted the targets in pos. [REDACTED] and have cooperated with merchant ships, in order to transshipped migrants on the M / V "TORM LOTTE".

During the operations, the Coast Guard found some dead bodies on board of the target.

From a initial evaluation, the corpses seemed to have died for acts of violence.

For this reason, the Coast Guard units called the Guardia di Finanza vessel "MICCOLI," in order to perform the acts of the judicial police.

The "Miccoli" after a first analysis, found that the cause of death was due to suffocation, whereas the bodies were below deck and in a place not accessible.

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The prosecutor of Agrigento, asked to recover the dead migrants on the military units.
The commander of the "Miccoli" expressed a negative opinion due to adverse weather conditions.
Also the towing of the target was impossible because due to the risk of sinking.
Hq of Italian Coast Guard asked, therefore, the involvement from the Maltese Coast Guard, considering that the event had occurred in the Maltese SAR zone.
The "P61" Maltese, with on board 18 dead migrants and 61 migrants, went to Malta;
The M / V "TORM LOTTE" has on board about 400 migrants, heading Augusta port (20/July/2014, 11.00 local time);
The "CP 319" had on board 03 migrants that need urgent medical care. One of them, during transport, dead. N. 2 migrants are, now, in Lampedusa hospital.

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Assessment

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