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## **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**



## 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