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Dear FIDI Affiliate,

I am writing to you regarding the current situation in the Persian Gulf region, which is creating renewed disruption across global supply chains and is expected to have a direct impact on our industry.

Recent developments have led to heightened tensions in and around key maritime routes, including the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea, critical chokepoints for global energy flows. As a result, energy prices have risen sharply, while shipping operations are facing increasing uncertainty. Several major carriers have already adjusted or suspended routes through affected areas, opting for longer alternatives that add significant transit time and cost.

These disruptions are occurring in an already fragile global logistics environment. Early indicators point to a combination of rising fuel costs, increased freight rates, and longer transit times. Together, these factors are likely to translate into higher operational costs and reduced predictability across international moving services.

For our industry, the implications are immediate and tangible. Increased fuel prices affect all modes of transport, from road to sea and air. Rerouting and delays may lead to additional storage, demurrage and handling costs. At the same time, continued volatility raises the risk of sudden changes in carrier availability, pricing structures and service levels.

This situation also highlights a broader trend that continues to shape our sector: global mobility and logistics operations are increasingly exposed to geopolitical developments and external shocks. As a result, cost volatility and operational disruption are no longer exceptional events, but factors that need to be anticipated and managed as part of normal business planning.

It remains important to communicate clearly with your clients about these developments, setting realistic expectations regarding timing, routing, and potential cost implications. Transparent and timely communication will help to manage uncertainty and maintain strong working relationships during this period.

FIDI Global Alliance is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to keep members informed of any significant developments.

Please share this update and the accompanying infographic with your clients and partners to keep them informed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jesse van Sas', is written over a horizontal line.

Jesse van Sas
Secretary-General
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