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### **ABSTRACT**

1. This study set to understand the existing maritime systems in Maldives and to provide factors to improve it to the expected standards. The researcher set objectives, which sought to determine the extent to which provision of loop holes in the existing system as well as the international practices in the maritime industry. The researcher used the quantitative survey design to carry out the research. The respondents for this study were fifty who were in the private and the public sectors oriented the decision makers of the maritime industry.

2. A pilot study was conducted to test the validity and reliability of the instruments. Data was analyzed using percentages and descriptive analysis. The study outcomes revealed that the existing maritime system of Maldives has certain drawbacks and lacks of meeting the international standards and the decision makers of the industry expecting the structure in the common practice used in world wide.

3. There are productive recommendations made such as providing safe passage to the ships with reduced maritime threats and piracy attacks. It was also noted that the international recognition to be provided to the existing system via providing safety to the people who are involved in the entire system who can be the existing users or the potentials.

4. Since this study was based in particular sector in the maritime industry, it is therefore, suggested that a replication of this study be carried out in a multiple maritime setting which are performing in different levels. The influence of various integration of maritime activities in selected subjects in the contemporary industry should be researched on in different regions or continents.