

**CONTACT GROUP ON PIRACY OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA  
WORKING GROUP 1 – NEW YORK, 9 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUSIONS**

**The following are the Chairman's conclusions on his own responsibility reflecting the sense of discussion in Working Group 1 on 9 September, to serve as the basis for his oral report to the Contact Group in New York on 10 September.**

**Operational Coordination**

Further to its request at its meeting on 10 July, WG1 noted with gratitude the presentation by the Combined Maritime Forces and EUNAVFOR co-chairs of the SHADE on work by military experts towards the agreement of a single "best practice" framework for area protection.

WG1 welcomed agreement on the Internationally Recognised Transit Corridor Co-ordination Guide for International Naval Forces by CMF, NATO and the EU, and the acknowledgement of the guide by other participants with the caveat that they would continue their national escort system, co-operating where possible with other navies. WG1 noted that the guide is a living document and would be reviewed as others join the IRTC Coordination Mechanism.

WG1 noted the presentation by the SHADE co-chairs on current military counter-piracy planning and areas for potential further work.

**Regional Capability Development**

WG1 noted the update from the Chair on the WG1 mission underway on regional capability development needs, designed to deliver evaluated project proposals for consideration by CGPCS participants. The report of the mission would be circulated to CGPCS participants as soon as possible.

**CGPCS Restricted Access Website**

WG1 took note of the creation of a restricted access website designed to enable easy access by CGPCS partners to an archive of CGPCS documents and presentations.