



CONTACT GROUP ON PIRACY OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA WORKING GROUP 1 – NEW YORK, 27 JANUARY 2010

CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUSIONS

The following are the draft Chairman's conclusions on his own responsibility reflecting the sense of discussion in Working Group 1 on 27 January, to serve as the basis for his oral report to the next Contact Group meeting.

The SHADE co-chairs presentation will be available on the CGPCS restricted access website.

OPERATIONAL CO-ORDINATION

Working Group 1 noted with appreciation the update on operational issues from the co-chairs of the SHADE.

Working Group 1 welcomed China's intention to take full part in the protection of the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor and to join the SHADE mechanism, which will bolster existing forces and help to enable more effective use of military assets in the region in the fight against piracy, including for operations in the Indian Ocean.

India stated that the contribution of navies, not only in the IRTC, but also in the Indian Ocean area, should be taken into account while considering options for co-chairmanship of SHADE.

Working Group 1 made clear its continued strong support for the military operations and called for all possible support to be given to measures to increase effectiveness and to provide necessary capabilities in shortage areas, notably Maritime Patrol Aircraft and tanker support.

Working Group 1 noted the latest statistics on numbers and locations of pirate attacks, including the ratio of successful to unsuccessful attacks, and the very low number successfully attacked which had been following Best Management Practice. Working Group 1 reiterated the importance of compliance with Best Management Practice for risk minimization.

Working Group 1 noted the recommendations from the SHADE co-chairs on WFP shipments, and urged action to address these issues.

REGIONAL CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

Working Group 1 took note:

- of latest progress in preparation of the matrix reflecting the recommendations of the need assessment report, enabling both effective deconfliction of activity and matchmaking on planned effort, noting the need for further contributions by CGPCS states and organisations, and the planned circulation of the first iteration during February;
- of the presentation by the UN on the recent meeting held between representatives of the Transitional Federal Government and the regional administrations of Puntland and Somaliland and the plans for follow-up, welcoming this dialogue which was initiated by the UN following discussions at the November meeting of Working Group 1; and
- of the update from the IMO on the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct.