COMMITTEE: Security Council

QUESTION OF: Maritime Piracy

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THE SECRITY COUNCIL,

1. Recognizing the desperate need to enact effective measures to eradicate the threat and eclectic occurrence of maritime piracy,
2. Realizing that the threat disrupts major trade routes and gravely endangers the lives of affected seafaring personnel- commercial crews as well as civilians ,
3. Noting with deep concern that pirates pose a ready and serious threat to seafarers’ lives and hold captive crews hostage in deplorable conditions,
4. Emphasizing that the act of maritime piracy in its entire scope is a heinous crime that strains the global economy that requires the cooperation of all nations towards ending it,
5. Keeping in mind that all member states have investments in affected regions whether fiscal or human assets,
6. Reaffirming the dire state of insecurity that exists as a result of the occurrence of maritime piracy and the need to abolish it,
   1. Calls upon immediate commitment of all member nations to take the necessary steps to strengthen international cooperation for the prevention of the crime and the prosecution and punishment of those responsible;
   2. Requests the implementation of a coordinated international maritime crime combat unit fully capable and equipped to patrol both territorial and international waters and identify, intercept and apprehend pirates as well as pursue and repossess stolen assets and captive hostages;
   3. Calls for the Council to fully commit to and cooperate in this effort against maritime piracy with its abolishment being the common desire;
   4. Further calls upon individual nations to take more affirmative measures in securing their waters and persecuting guilty parties while at the same time collaborating with the international task force mentioned in clause (2) above through:

i) drafting and implementing of a naval statute that comprehensively covers the act of piracy as a crime and includes appropriate punitive measures to be undertaken upon the apprehension of offending persons,

ii) providing trained and armed security personnel to accompany vessels in transit or codifying the pertinent legislation requiring and allowing for private security of the same capacity to be hired,

iii) ensuring that captive ships and crews in their jurisdiction, regardless of nationality, once reacquired or released are well taken care of in anticipation of prompt repatriation;

* 1. Recommends that all nations be involved in this effort against maritime piracy for the benefice of the afflicted regions as well as in recognition of the magnitude of the issue’s effect on the global economy;
  2. Agrees to maintain the importance of this issue and invest in efforts towards its resolution.