

Seminar on **Piracy and armed robbery against shipping**- Brussels, 21 January 2008

- **Root causes of Somalia piracy: 18 years of civil war and no functioning state;**
- **International initiatives for setting up a functioning state;**
- **Inland measures to mitigate piracy;**
- **Possible regional initiatives to fight illegal activities in the Somalia waters**

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UN Conference on Piracy around Somalia in Nairobi, 10-11 December (patrons – UNSR A. Ould-Abdallah and Kenyan FM M. Wetangula)

- **Very strong pressure on the Transitional Federal Government (TFG)**
- **Consensus to strengthen the capacity of Somali national as well as regional authorities in combating piracy**
- **Actions to include the disruption of pirates' financial networks**
- **Condemnation of illegal fishing and dumping of toxic waste**
- **Call for international support for regional efforts (including IMO initiatives)**
- **Proposals from technical groups on capacity building, enforcement action and commercial concerns (including setting up coastguards)**
- **Statement on cooperation from 3 Somali authorities (TFG, Somaliland and Puntland)**

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