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The Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS)

**Framework for an Integrated and Comprehensive Response to
Piracy**

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- established January 2009
- Pursuant to UNSC Resolution 1851
- “Encourages all States and regional organizations fighting piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia to establish an international cooperation mechanism to act as a common point of contact between and among states, regional and international organizations on all aspects of combating piracy and armed robbery at sea off Somalia coast; ...”

- not part of the UN-system
- Recognised by numerous UNSCRs
- open to any country or organization that contributes to anti-piracy efforts or is directly affected by it
- 60+ countries and 20+organizations
- Governments, Military, NGO´ s, International Organizations, private sector
- Rotating Chair: 2011: Turkey, Singapore, Netherlands; 2012: UAE, Spain, India

Mission:

- To foster closer international cooperation to address the scourge of piracy off the coast of Somalia

CGPCS supports:

- the military
- the shipping industry
- law enforcement and the judiciary
- capacity building programmes in the region

Partners:

- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- International Contact Group on Somalia – UNPOS
- Trade organizations (i.e. OCIMF, BIMCO)
- UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- UN Development Programme (UNDP)
- INTERPOL
- World Bank (WB)
- National and regional governments of Somalia
- Other countries in the region

5 Working Groups plus Trust Fund

- WG 1: military cooperation and capacity building (UK)
- WG 2: legal issues (Denmark)
- WG 3: cooperation with shipping industry (RoKorea)
- WG 4: public diplomacy and advocacy (Egypt)
- WG 5: disrupting financial flow and piracy networks (Italy)
- The Trust Fund

Operational coordination (WG 1)

- Civil-military-industry
- Key result: SHADE
- Political/diplomatic support to the military

Maritime capacity building (WG 1)

- Matrix for regional maritime capacity building
- rule of law (penal, judicial, police)
- military, coast guard
- economic development
- Djibouti Code of Conduct (IMO)
- Regional Action Plan (IOC)

Legal Issues (WG 2)

- develop legal toolbox
- national anti-piracy legislation
- prosecution in the region
- detention/ incarceration issues

Working with Industry (WG 3)

- Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP)
- Working with IMO and flag states
- Coordinating with industry

Strategic communications (WG 4)

- reach out to Somali community and diaspora
- media strategy and coordinated messaging
- advocacy campaigns
- work with UNPOS and UNODC

Disrupting financial networks (WG 5)

- targeting organizers, financiers and negotiators
- mapping financial flows
- frameworks for sharing information and intelligence
- collecting and sharing data
- exchange information among prosecutors
- conduct joint investigations

Trust Fund to Support Initiatives of States Countering Piracy off the Coast of Somalia

- supporting countries in the region
- capacity building for investigations and prosecution
- capacity building for detention and imprisonment
- fostering international cooperation
- transfer of convicted pirates to prisons in Somalia

The Contact Group:

- no budget
- no rules of procedure
- no lengthy meetings
- no negotiated texts or resolutions
- result oriented – “getting the job done”

Questions?

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