

Resolution Piracy in the Gulf of Aden

The YEPP Council in The Hague,

A. Considering that

1. The acts of piracy has increased of the last couple of years
2. The Gulf of Aden is an area which saw a dramatic increase of piracy over the last year. Moving from 31 vessels attacked in 2007 to 100 in 2008, increasing the ransom money from \$500.000 to \$8.000.000, and better equipment in arms and vessels.
3. There is currently an international coalition active in the Gulf of Aden.
4. The EU is current involved in the Gulf of Aden through the operation Atalanta whose mission was prolonged in May 2009.
5. Somalia belongs to one of the poorest countries in the world.
6. Piracy violates the principle of *Jus Cogens* of international law

B. Believes that

1. Piracy provide for the disruption of the free flow of trade.
2. The international community should be provided with the means to bring pirates to justice in front of a tribunal in the region.

C. Calls for

1. The European States to further develop their naval cooperation and increase their efforts in combating piracy on a global level
2. The EU to make efforts in taking away the causes for piracy by also addressing the problems on land (e.g. in Somalia).
3. The exchange of information and knowledge about piracy between states
4. Establishing an international piracy tribunal in the Gulf of Aden-region.

and asks the YEPP board to express this within all related political platforms.

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