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RESOLUTION ON PIRACY

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS (IAPH) IN SAVANNAH, U.S.A.

BEING AWARE of piracy having turned into seafarers' principal source of anxiety and distress, and of the serious problems for world-wide trade as well as for the shipping industry as customers of the world ports, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) wishes to support seafarers and stakeholders in the industry with the following resolution:

RECOGNIZING that piracy is not restricted to territorial and international waters bordering politically instable States such as Somalia, or to sea regions in the Gulf of Aden, but is a widely spread, "international" or global problem, IAPH is particularly concerned about the steeply increasing number of piracy incidents, the vastness of the sea area to be monitored by naval policing, the lack of enforcement and prosecution under international and domestic penal law, the growing brutality and boldness of modern pirates, the gradual spread of piracy controlled structures and hierarchies in politically unstable States, and the necessity to divert shipping routes which result in the increase of costs and air emissions as well.

MINDFUL of the high degree of political, legal and social complexity of the modern piracy phenomenon, and of a number of initiatives, ideas and calls which IAPH specifically wishes to support as well as of some measures and regulations that IAPH strongly wishes to advocate,

MINDFUL FURTHER of its responsibility as the voice of world ports, IAPH DECLARES its support for seafarers and stakeholders in the shipping industry, and

BEING AWARE of the limited leverage ports can take on the solution or mitigation of the devastating effects of piracy on the marine industry, IAPH nonetheless would like to invite stakeholders to convey their suggestions and ideas on how world ports can be of help to the industry.

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1. CONDEMNS piracy in all its manifestations and endorses naval protection by the international armed forces. However, IAPH believes arming or military training of civilian crews will only



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- escalate violence in pirate encounters. The use of weapons should remain restricted to military staff on internationally agreed-on missions.
2. ADVOCATES that the various navies operating around the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden region rotate the overall command over all navies in this sea region, thus raising efficiency and protective capacity.
 3. URGES States to ratify all relevant international conventions, such as UNCLOS, Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts (SUA and its amended 2005 version with resp. Protocols) and the Convention against Hostage Taking, in order to provide for an internationally uniform legal framework.
 4. CALLS on States in the piracy affected regions to establish a common approach as to consistent domestic law structures that enable more stringent law enforcement and prosecution in their own jurisdictions.
 5. URGES States in the Horn of Africa and Gulf of Aden regions to sign the Djibouti Code of Conduct and thus join in the efforts of establishing stable civil structures in Somalia.
 6. ENCOURAGES States to hear piracy cases, imprison convicted pirates in their own prisons or detain those suspected of piracy related criminal acts for trial or extradition to other States.
 7. RECOMMENDS to all ship operators to adhere to the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee Circulars, giving guidance as to Mitigating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships (MSC.1/Circ.1332 of 16 June 2009 and MSC.1/Circ. 1334 of 23 June 2009) and Information on Internationally Recommended Transit Corridors for Ships Transiting the Gulf of Aden (SN.1/Circ. 281 of 3 August 2009)
 8. ENCOURAGES IMO and particularly its Maritime Safety Committee to continue their advisory efforts by compiling a manual of proven and effective defensive measures for the individual ship categories.
 9. ENDORSES all efforts by the shipping community to provide professional post-piracy care for seafarers.

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Established in 1955 as an international Non-Governmental Organization, IAPH represents today some 220 ports and 130 port-related companies and institutes of about 90 countries. Member ports all together handle 90% of the world container traffic and over 60% of the world maritime trade. IAPH tackles through Technical Committees a wide range of key issues facing the world port industry. Granted a Consultative NGO Status from UN agencies, IAPH also plays an active role in developing international frameworks for global issues related to maritime and trade activity.