

ASEM Seminar on Piracy at Sea

**Egmont II, Europa Room,
Rue des Petits Carmes 24, 1000 Brussels**

PROGRAM

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TUESDAY, 4 MAY 2010							
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants						
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome & opening address by the Secretary of State for Mobility, Mr. Etienne Schouppe						
09:15 – 09:20	Adoption of the agenda & practical arrangements of the Seminar by the Chair, Mr. Frans Van Rompuy, Director General, Maritime Transport, Federal Public Service Mobility & Transport						
09:20 – 10:30	SESSION 1: THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS						
	Review of the evolution of piracy incidents and the corresponding modi operandi for different areas in the world over the last 10 years <i>(Mr. Pottengal Mukundan, Director, International Bureau of Shipping)</i>						
	Views of the industry as to how and to what extent the present piracy threats affect the world trade that relies on seaborne transportation <i>(Mr. Alfons Guinier, Secretary-General, European Community Shipowners' Association)</i>						
	The human factor; Impact of piracy threats on the employment of seafarers <i>(Dr. Maximo Q. Mejia Jr., Associate Professor in Maritime Law and Policy, World Maritime University)</i>						
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break: Egmont II Atrium						
10:45- 12:45	SESSION 2: REVIEW EXPERIENCES WITH INITIATIVES TAKEN AND EFFORTS MADE						
	Panel 1: Intergovernmental Cooperation						
	The Chinese Navy's Escorting Mission in the Gulf of Aden <i>(Major Ji Wanli, Multilateral Cooperation Department, Foreign Affairs Office, Ministry of National Defence, China)</i>						
	History of initiatives and actions taken by IMO – <i>written statement</i> <i>(Critical reflection by Dr. Maximo Q. Mejia, World Maritime University)</i>						
	Experiences and update on the Regional Co-operation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (ReCAAP) <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><i>LTC (Retd) Nicholas Teo, Deputy Director, ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><i>Mr. Charles Chew, Deputy Director (Policy), Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><i>Admiral Edmund Tan, Vice-Commandant for Administration, Coast Guard, the Philippines</i></td> </tr> </table>		<i>LTC (Retd) Nicholas Teo, Deputy Director, ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre</i>		<i>Mr. Charles Chew, Deputy Director (Policy), Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore</i>		<i>Admiral Edmund Tan, Vice-Commandant for Administration, Coast Guard, the Philippines</i>
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	Experiences and update on EU assistance for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships (in particular support to Djibouti Code of Conduct's implementation) <i>(Mr. Federico Birocchi, Programme Manager EU Policies, Central Management of thematic budget lines under EIDHR & Ifs, EuropeAid Cooperation Office, European Commission)</i>						
	Update on the experiences gained by the three littoral states in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore performing coordinated patrolling activities <i>(Mr. Rachmat Budiman, Director for Political, Security and Territorial Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia)</i>						

	Review of experiences gained and the EU Atalanta initiative so far <i>(Rear Admiral Bartolomé Bauzá, Deputy Operations Commander of the EU Naval Force, Operation ATALANTA, EU NAVFOR Operational Headquarters, Northwood, United Kingdom)</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Shortlisting of issues for the recapitulative debate on the lessons that can be learned
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch offered by the Host of the Seminar: Egmont II Sax Room
14:00 – 15:20	Panel 2: Legal Framework and Means to Prosecute Pirates
	Multilateral conventions <i>(Dr. Frederik Naert, Legal Service, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union)</i>
	Review of the means of prosecution <i>(Ms Candice Welsch, Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)</i>
	National legislation <i>(Ms France Lemeunier, Strategic Analyst, Coordination Unit for Threat Analysis, Belgium)</i>
	Piracy business models: financial flows, links with organised crime <i>(Mr. Antonio Montanaro, Criminal Intelligence Officer, O.I.P.C.-Interpol General Secretariat)</i>
<i>15:20 – 15:50</i>	Coffee break: Egmont II Atrium
15:50 – 16:30	Panel 3: Involving the private sector
	The importance of Best Management Practices to deter piracy : dissemination and implementation <i>(Mr. Giles Noakes, Chief Maritime Security Officer, The Baltic and International Maritime Council)</i>
	Partnerships with public sector, Vessel Protection Detachments <i>(Captain Bertrand Drescher, Capitaine de Frégate breveté d'Etat-Major, French Naval Force)</i>
16:30 – 18:00	Open recapitulative debate on the lessons that can be learned
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner offered by the Host of the Seminar: Musical Instruments Museum, Montagne de la Cour 2, 1000 Brussels - +32/2/5450130
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9:30 – 10:30	SESSION 3 : WHAT IS NEEDED FOR FURTHER PROGRESS
	View from the EU Commission <i>(Mr. Christian Dupont, Deputy Head of Unit, Maritime Security, DG Mobility & Transport, European Commission)</i>
	Open debate on content for possible Summit message
10:10 – 10:30	Coffee break: Egmont II Atrium
<i>10:30 – 11:00</i>	SEMINAR SUMMARY
11:00 - 12:30	Draft summary forming the basis for the June ASEM negotiators meeting <i>(proposed by the Host secretariat)</i>
	Open debate on the draft seminar summary
	Final Reading and adoption of Seminar Summary <i>(chaired by the Host)</i>

1. Seminar Venue : Egmont II Building, 24 Rue des Petits Carmes, B-1000 Brussels



2. Transport to and from Seminar venue:

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with means of transport for the duration of the seminar or from/to the airport or train station. We can however recommend you the following:

- a. **Nearest Metro station to Seminar venue: 'Naamsepoort/Porte de Namur' (Line 2 or 6).** It is advisable to purchase a '3-day travel card' for 9,50 EUR (which also includes bus to and from the airport)
- b. **Nearest train station to Seminar venue: Brussels Central Train Station**
- c. **Taxi reservations:** <http://www.bruxellesmobilite.irisnet.be/articles/taxi/ou-trouver-un-taxi>

3. Speaker arrangements:

Allowed presentation time of 15' per speaker, please inform organisers in advance should you wish to use a PowerPoint presentation or to circulate copies of documents.

4. Emergency phone numbers :

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