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Speaker Résumés

Rear Admiral Bartolomé Bauzá – Deputy Operation Commander EU Naval Force

Rear Admiral Bartolomé Bauzá was educated in Montesión and joined the Spanish Navy in 1975. A surface officer, his early career included a number of appointments in surface ships, including serving two-year-tours as EW and Ops officer in the corvette “Infanta Elena”, destroyer “Gravina” and the frigates “Andalucía” and “Cataluña”. His command tours were on the gun patrol boat “Mouro”, the corvette “Cazadora”, the anti submarine frigate “Balears” (participating in NATO article 5 operation Active Endeavour) and the amphibious assault ship “Galicia”. After completion of the Naval Warfare Course in Madrid in 1994, his staff tours have included assignments in Joint HQ, Fleet HQ, and Navy HQ (his last tour as DACOS Plans & Policy and Head of the Strategic Planning Branch). He has also two academic tours in the Strategy Departments at both the Naval Warfare College and the Joint Staff College. He is married and has four children.

Federico Birocchi – Programme Manager EU Policies, Central Management of thematic budget lines under EIDHR & Ifs, EuropeAid Cooperation Office, European Commission

Since 2007, Federico Birocchi works as Programme Manager for DG EuropeAid F2 Centralised Management of Thematic Budget Lines under EIDHR and IfS, of the European Commission. As the Head of Sector "Stability Instrument", he is in charge of global & trans-regional threats to law and order, security and safety of individuals. He is furthermore responsible for the planning and implementation of external assistance in the areas of organised crime and illicit trafficking; counterterrorism; maritime security/safety and counterpiracy. Before taking up this position, Federico Birocchi was part of the European Commission Delegation in Lebanon as project manager within the Operations Sector.

Rachmat Budiman – Director for Political, Security and Territorial Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia

Rachmat Budiman was assigned as the Director for Treaties on Political, Security and Territorial Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in January 2009. Previously, he served as the Secretary of the Directorate-General of Information and Public Diplomacy since 2007. His current task is to provide legal opinion to the Indonesian Government on matters concerning international public law on political, security and territorial affairs as well as lead negotiations on certain legal issues. Before assuming office in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from his latest overseas posting, he was assigned to the Indonesian Permanent Mission for the United Nations in New York, as a Political Minister Counsellor responsible for coordinating the Indonesian Security Council Task Force. He was also assigned as a Political Minister Counsellor to the Indonesian Permanent Mission in Vienna from 2004 to 2006. In addition, he was Indonesia’s negotiator for the follow-up of the establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and also a member of

the High Level Legal Expert Group. Rachmat Budiman holds a law degree from the University of Indonesia at Jakarta.

Charles Chew – Deputy Director (Policy), Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

Charles Chew joined the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore in October 2008 and is currently Deputy Director in the Policy Division. His portfolio includes international maritime relations as well as maritime security. From 1 May 2010, Charles was concurrently appointed as Head (IMO Affairs Office) in MPA. Prior to joining MPA, Charles spent 12 years with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, which included overseas postings to the Singapore Embassy in Paris and to the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations in New York.

Alfons Guinier – Secretary-General, European Community Shipowners' Association

Until the end of 1991, Alfons Guinier held different administrative and commercial positions within the Belgian Shipping Group C.M.B. as a Member of the Direction. In this way, he represented Belgium in different European and international shipping organisations. Aside from that he was also spokesman for the Belgian Shipowners Association in the Belgian Industrial Board (Fédération des Entreprises de Belgique) and appointed conciliator for Belgium for the U.N. Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. In 1992, Alfons Guinier took up the position of Secretary General of the European Community Shipowners' Associations. Since then he is also Co-ordinator of Transport/Shipping/Services of the Maritime Industries Forum as well as member of the Joint Committee for Maritime Transport.

Major Ji Wanli – Foreign Affairs Office, Ministry of National Defense, People's Republic of China

Major Wanli Ji (William) is currently working as a staff officer for multi-lateral cooperation, at the General-planning Bureau, Foreign Affairs Office, Ministry of National Defense, People's Republic of China, which is responsible for multi-lateral security and defense cooperation. At the same time he is also the desk officer for navy escorting cooperation at the Gulf of Aden and anti-piracy international cooperation at the Ministry of National Defense. Mr. Wanli Ji graduated from the English Department of Foreign Languages University, Chinese People's Liberation Army in 1999 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts (English Language & Literature), the moment at which he was directly recruited by the Foreign Affairs Office, Ministry of National Defence. There, he has been working at the European Bureau and General-planning Bureau successively within the Foreign Affairs Office, as desk officer for Eastern European countries, Western European countries, Protocol and Multi-lateral Cooperation respectively. Mr. Wanli Ji has participated in the four-month escorting missions of the 1st Chinese Navy Escorting Task Group in the Gulf of Aden from Dec. 2008 to Apr. 2009, during which he acted as adviser to the commander of TG169 on foreign policy as well as liaison officer for foreign contacts. Mr. Wanli Ji was promoted to Major in July 2008. He likes playing tennis, traveling and reading books.

France Lemeunier – Strategic Analyst to the Coordinating Unit for Threat Analysis (OCAM), Belgium

At the Coordinating Unit for Threat Analysis, France Lemeunier is in charge of legal issues regarding terrorist/extremist and related matters within the competences of OCAM, for the benefit of the Belgian Government. OCAM was created in 2006 to serve as the central authority for

counterterrorism coordination within the Belgian government and between Belgium and other countries. OCAM aims to facilitate the exchange of information among all Belgian governmental counterterrorism bodies and make a common threat analysis on the basis of such information exchanges. The agency operates under the joint authority of the Justice and Interior Ministers. Before joining OCAM, France Lemeunier was active for nine years as a legal Counsel to the Federal Prosecutor's Office (formerly National Magistrate's Office), in charge of the legal support to judicial proceedings in terrorist and IHL cases, dealing especially with international judicial cooperation issues : MLA & extradition requests. France Lemeunier holds a law degree from the Université Catholique de Louvain.

Dr. Maximo Q. Mejia Jr – Associate Professor in Maritime Law and Policy, World Maritime University (WMU), Sweden

Dr. Maximo Q. Mejia Jr. has been a member of the resident faculty since 1998. Before joining WMU, he saw duty on board various naval and coast guard vessels as well as in shore-based facilities in the Philippines. His assignments included, inter alia, Commanding Officer of Port State Control Office Manila, Commander of Coast Guard Station Iligan, Deputy Executive Director of the Presidential Task Force on Maritime Development, and Assistant Chief of Staff for Navigational Safety. He earned his Bachelor of Science at the United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, Maryland, USA) and majored in International Security Studies while pursuing a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy at the Fletcher School (Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA). He also has a Master of Science in Maritime Safety Administration from the World Maritime University (Malmö, Sweden) and a Doctor of Philosophy from Lund University (Lund, Sweden). His PhD thesis is entitled "Law and Ergonomics in Maritime Security." Dr. Mejia furthermore is the editor/co-editor of a number of books on maritime security, the author/co-author of numerous articles published in international academic journals.

Antonio Montanaro - Criminal Intelligence Officer, O.I.P.C.-Interpol General Secretariat

Born in Cagliari on 2nd January 1973, Antonio Montanaro joined the Italian National Police in 1991 and has gained extensive experience in the fight against common and organized crime by working in a variety of specialised police offices and units. Following his first assignment to Interpol Rome in 1999, he has acquired wide experience in international co-operation matters starting as Chief of International organized vehicle and marine crimes in January 2000. He has also been Italian Interpol liaison Officer in Greece from May 2004 till September 2005, thus also serving during the Olympic Games. Thanks to his profound knowledge of criminal phenomena and of the relevant law enforcement strategies, on various occasions he has been designated to represent Italy in many national and international fora to discuss police issues concerning, in particular, organised crime, international vehicle crime and the development of criminal investigation techniques. Since 2005 he represents Italy to G6 and G8 groups for travel-document forgery project development. In July 2009 he has been seconded to the O.I.P.C.-INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon (France) as Criminal Intelligence Officer, where he has been assigned with the responsibility of the Maritime Piracy Project within the Organized Crime Unit of the Drugs and Organized Crime Sub-Directorate of the Specialized Crimes and Analysis Directorate.

Pottengal Mukundan (Muku) – Director, ICC International Maritime Bureau

After an initial career at sea, Muku completed his Ship Master's Certificate of Competency Class 1 from Southampton in the UK. He completed a BSc (Hons) degree in Nautical Studies at Plymouth, UK and a Master of Business Administration at the Cranfield School of Management in the UK. In 1981 he joined the newly formed ICC international Maritime Bureau (IMB) as an investigator. He has investigated numerous maritime insurance claims including many fraud cases from charterparty failures, diversion of cargoes, phantom ships, hijackings and container theft. He has written many papers on fraud and malpractice in shipping and trading, given expert and factual testimony in civil and criminal cases around the world. Muku became the Assistant Director at the IMB in 1987, Director in 1996 and Director / CEO of its holding body ICC Commercial Crime Services in 1999. The IMB acts as a focal point for the industry in respect of trade fraud and believes that the prompt dissemination of relevant information is a key to successful prevention and control. It has amongst its members many of the world's largest banks, insurance companies, shipping companies and traders. The IMB runs the Piracy Reporting Centre which is one of the major providers of information on piracy attacks to the world. Muku finally also is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the World Maritime University's Journal of Maritime Affairs.

Dr. Frederik Naert – Legal Service, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union

As a member of the Legal Service of the Council of the European Union (since November 2007), Dr. Naert deals with EU external relations, including EU military crisis management operations. He is also a lecturer and affiliated senior researcher at the Institute for International Law of Leuven University (Belgium) and is Editor-in-Chief of the *Military Law & Law of War Review*. Frederik was previously a legal advisor at the Belgian Ministry of Defence/Defence Staff (2004-2007) and a research and teaching assistant at the Leuven University (1998-2004). His Ph.D. thesis is entitled 'International Law Aspects of the EU's Security and Defence Policy, with a Particular Focus on the Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights' (Leuven University, 2008). He has published on European security organisations, peace operations, international humanitarian and human rights law, terrorism, European and international criminal law and international immunities and has lectured and spoken on these subjects at conferences, at the NATO School and the College of Europe as well as in the framework of activities organised by the ICRC, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the European Security and Defence College. He studied law at Leuven University and at the University of Melbourne (Australia). See http://www.law.kuleuven.be/iir/eng/institute/Frederik_Naert.html for more details.

Etienne Schouppe – Secretary of State for Mobility, Belgium

Born on 24 July 1942 in Denderleeuw near Brussels, Etienne Schouppe starts his early professional career in an insurance company. In 1963, he joins the Belgian National Railway Company, while undertaking a degree in trade- and financial sciences. Etienne Schouppe becomes a well-known figure at the national level as CEO of the Belgian National Railway Company and as Mayor of Liedekerke. Running for the first time in national elections in 2003, Mr. Schouppe is elected as senator. One year later, he also becomes member of the Flemish House of Representatives. On 20 March 2008, he is appointed Secretary of State for Mobility.

Rear-Admiral Edmund Tan - Vice Commander for Administration /Acting Commander, Coast Guard Fleet, the Philippines

Rear-Admiral Tan joined the Philippine military forces as a cadet in 1976. His promotion to the grade of Rear-Admiral took place in March 2009, shortly after which Rear-Admiral Tan became Commander of the Coast Guard Fleet, to become Acting Commander early 2010. In addition, Rear-Admiral Tan was in 2010 also briefly Acting Commander of the Marine Environmental Protection Command as well as Acting Vice-Commandant for Operations. At present, he is Vice Commandant for Administration. Among many other decorations, Rear-Admiral Tan was decorated with the Coast Guard Legion of Honor (Degree of Maginoo) for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of duty as Commander, Coast Guard District Central-Eastern Visayas from 13 Aug 2007 to 15 Aug 2008. Rear-Admiral Tan is married and the father of five children.

Nicholas Teo – Deputy Director, ReCAAP-Information Sharing Centre

LTC(Retd) Nicholas Teo BG joined Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) in January 2006 immediately after his retirement from the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), as the ReCAAP ISC Project Coordinator. He heads the core team of project officers in the setting up of the Information Sharing Centre (ISC) in Singapore, for the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Programme. The ReCAAP ISC is an International Organization, based in Singapore and has 15 contracting parties in its setup. Following the official launch of the Centre on 29 Nov 06, LTC(Retd) Teo assumed the post of Deputy Director of the ReCAAP-Information Sharing Centre. Before that, LTC(Retd) Nicholas Teo had served in the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) for 29 years and held the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (LTC). During his tour of service, he has served onboard several classes of strike ships and has held various senior command appointments. Professionally, he is a Surface Warfare Officer, trained to manage threedimensional warfare (air, surface & sub-surface) and in Crisis Management. During his last three appointments as the Head of Control Ops, Squadron Commander and Formation Operations Officer; he has managed several major service/national incidents. LTC(Retd) Teo is married and has three children.

Candice Welsch – Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer, Organized Crime and illicit Trafficking Branch

Since 2008, Candice Welsch has been member of the Organized Crime and Criminal Justice Section of the Division for Treaty Affairs of UNODC. She was assigned as lead in the areas of international cooperation and organized crime. She thereby carries out extensive work on the development and delivery of programmes relating to piracy off the coast of Somalia. Providing substantive legal advice on a variety of topics relating to rule of law, transnational organized crime and legislative reform and delivering training programmes for a variety of international and national actors furthermore belong to her key responsibilities. Before joining UNODC, Candice Welsch was active as a Senior Legal Officer in the Special Court for Sierra Leone as well as in the Canadian Department of Justice.
