

## 20. Crime: Piracy and Maritime Security [183]

### Commitment

“We commit to contributing, through cooperation with international partners and coordinated bilateral programs, to achieve the goals defined by the Contact Group on Piracy of the Coast of Somalia – and related multilateral efforts, including the Djibouti Code of Conduct facilitated by International Maritime Organization – and the International Contact Group for Somalia.”

*G8 Leaders Declaration on Political Issues*

### Assessment

Country	Lack of Compliance	Work in Progress	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Russia			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average Score			+0.89

### Background

The Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) was created on 14 January 2009 pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 1851.<sup>1197</sup> Piracy off the coast of Somalia increased significantly in the recent years, disrupting peace and stability in Somalia, increasing shipping insurance premiums for one of the busiest shipping routes in the world, damaging littoral economies, and creating severe environmental concerns in the region.<sup>1198</sup> Therefore, the Contact Group recognizes the issue as an international challenge and aims to facilitate discussion and coordination of actions among states and organizations to suppress piracy off the coast of Somalia.<sup>1199</sup>

On 14 January 2009, the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia held its first meeting at the United Nations headquarters in New York.<sup>1200</sup> The six areas of action outlined by the CGPCS were “(1) a counter-piracy coordination mechanism; (3) strengthening judicial frameworks for arrest, prosecution, and detention of pirates; (4) strengthening commercial shipping self-awareness and other capabilities; (5) pursuing

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<sup>1197</sup> Policy Statement: Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, United States Africa Command 14 January 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466](http://www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466).

<sup>1198</sup> Policy Statement: Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, United States Africa Command 14 January 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466](http://www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466).

<sup>1199</sup> Policy Statement: Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, United States Africa Command 14 January 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466](http://www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466).

<sup>1200</sup> Policy Statement: Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, United States Africa Command 14 January 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466](http://www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466).

improved diplomatic and public information efforts; and (6) tracking financial flows related to piracy.”<sup>1201</sup>

In order to achieve these goals, the CGPCS members set the following four Working Groups to deal with the aforementioned areas of action: (1) the Working Group on Military and Operational Coordination, Information Sharing, and Capacity Building convened by the United Kingdom; (2) the Working Group on Judicial Issues convened by Denmark; (3) the Working Group on Strengthening Shipping Self-Awareness and Other Capabilities convened by the United States; and (4) the Working Group on diplomatic and Public Information efforts convened by Egypt.<sup>1202</sup>

At the G8 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Trieste, Italy on 26 June 2009, Members recognized the increasing threat of piracy off the Gulf of Aden and the Eastern coast of Africa.<sup>1203</sup> Aiming at preventing and suppressing piracy, the G8 leaders committed to increase coordination at the international level to promote maritime security and regional stability.<sup>1204</sup> The G8 also agreed on the need “to target the root causes of piracy, by helping countries in the region meet a number of destabilizing domestic and external challenges.”<sup>1205</sup>

These commitments were reiterated at the L’Aquila Summit, where the G8 promised achieve the areas of action laid out by the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia through international partners and coordinated bilateral programs.<sup>1206</sup>

### **Commitment Features**

This commitment calls upon G8 members to contribute to the international effort to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia. The *G8 Leaders Declaration on Political Issues* makes reference to the need for both short-term intervention and long-term structural reform in the region. Evaluation of compliance will focus specifically on actions taken within the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) for the following reasons: (a) all G8 members and the European Union are currently involved with the CGPCS and, as such, should continue to contribute to its efforts; (b) the CGPCS mandate is broad enough to encompass the majority of initiatives that would qualify as “cooperation with international partners” and “coordinated bilateral programs;” and (c) the goals outlined in the Djibouti Code of Conduct – to which none of the G8 members are parties – are included within the mandate of the CGPCS.

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<sup>1201</sup> Policy Statement: Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, United States Africa Command 14 January 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466](http://www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466).

<sup>1202</sup> Policy Statement: Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, United States Africa Command 14 January 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466](http://www.africom.mil/getArticle.asp?art=2466).

<sup>1203</sup> Chair’s Statement, G8 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/foreign/formin090626.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/foreign/formin090626.html).

<sup>1204</sup> Chair’s Statement, G8 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/foreign/formin090626.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/foreign/formin090626.html).

<sup>1205</sup> Chair’s Statement, G8 Information Centre (Toronto) 26 June 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/foreign/formin090626.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/foreign/formin090626.html).

<sup>1206</sup> Political Issues: L’Aquila Summit, G8 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2009. Date of Access: 24 January 2010. [www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-political.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2009laquila/2009-political.html).

Specifically, members commit to participate in a cooperative strategy aimed at achieving the goals laid out by the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) in the areas of focus outlined above. In order to register full compliance, members must: (a) provide financial, technical or material support to one of the programs initiated under the auspices of the CGPCS and its working groups; and (b) attend all of the Plenary Meetings of the CGPCS held during the current compliance cycle.

### Scoring

-1	Member provides no support (financial or otherwise) to any of the programs initiated under the auspices of the CGPCS and its working groups AND does not attend any of the Plenary Meetings of the CGPCS held during the current compliance cycle.
0	Member provides some support (financial, technical or material) to at least one (1) of the programs initiated under the auspices of the CGPCS and its working groups OR attends all of the Plenary Meetings of the CGPCS held during the current compliance cycle.
+1	Member provides some support (financial, technical or material) to at least one (1) of the programs initiated under the auspices of the CGPCS and its working groups AND attends all of the Plenary Meetings of the CGPCS held during the current compliance cycle.

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### Canada: +1

Canada has complied with its commitment to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia.

On 10 September 2009, Canada participated for the first time in one of the CGPCS meetings, attending its Fourth Plenary Meeting in New York.<sup>1207</sup>

Canada has renewed its commitment to combating piracy off the Horn of Africa. On 21 November 2009, the government announced that HMCS *Frederickton* would be joining Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 as part of NATO's Operation OCEAN SHIELD – NATO's contribution to international efforts to combat piracy in the region - until 2011.<sup>1208</sup>

In his statement to the United Nations, Ambassador John McNee further reaffirmed Canada's commitment to development and security in the region. To this end, Canada continues to participate in the International Contact Group on Somalia, a UN working group that supports "peace and reconciliation" in Somalia.<sup>1209</sup>

<sup>1207</sup> Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: List of Participating States and Organizations at the 4<sup>th</sup> Plenary, State Department (Washington, D.C.) 10 September 2009. Date of Access: 25 November 2009. [www.state.gov/t/pm/rls/othr/misc/129273.htm](http://www.state.gov/t/pm/rls/othr/misc/129273.htm).

<sup>1208</sup> Canadian warship to begin counter-piracy operation, Department of Defence (Ottawa). 21 November 2009. Date of Access: 1 December 2009. [www.forces.gc.ca/site/news-nouvelles/view-news-afficher-nouvelles-eng.asp?id=3209](http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/news-nouvelles/view-news-afficher-nouvelles-eng.asp?id=3209).

<sup>1209</sup> Statement by Ambassador McNee to the Joint Debate on the New Partnership for Africa's Development and 2001-2010, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Ottawa) 20 October 2009. Date of

For participating in the CGPCS and deploying forces in support of counter-piracy operations in the Horn region, Canada has been awarded a score of +1.

*Analyst: Ryerson Neal*

### **France: 0**

France has partially complied with its commitment to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia.

On 10 September 2009, France attended the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the CGPCS in New York.<sup>1210</sup>

On 6 October 2009, Defence Minister Hervé Morin attempted to draw attention to the situation in Somalia in a letter to Swedish Defence Minister Sten Tolgfors and EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy.<sup>1211</sup> Minister Morin's letter argued that the destabilization of Somalia directly threatened European and international security.<sup>1212</sup> To move forward, Minister Morin proposed that the EU train an additional 3000 Somali troops to the 150 soldiers already trained by French forces in Djibouti.<sup>1213</sup>

On 28 and 29 September 2009, French Minister of Defence Hervé Morin attended a meeting with the ministers of defence of all EU member states in Gothenburg.<sup>1214</sup> Regarding maritime surveillance, the ministers agreed to better coordinate information sharing between civilian and military actors.<sup>1215</sup>

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Access: 2 December 2009. [www.canadainternational.gc.ca/prmny-mponu/canada\\_un-canada\\_onu/statements-declarations/africa-afrique/20091020\\_AfricanDev-DevAfrique.aspx](http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/prmny-mponu/canada_un-canada_onu/statements-declarations/africa-afrique/20091020_AfricanDev-DevAfrique.aspx).

<sup>1210</sup> Participants List, Fourth Plenary Meeting of the CGPCS (New York) 10 September 2009. Date of Access: 6 December 2009. [www.marad.dot.gov/documents/CGPCS-Fourth\\_Plenary\\_Meeting-Participants-Sept\\_10.2009.PDF](http://www.marad.dot.gov/documents/CGPCS-Fourth_Plenary_Meeting-Participants-Sept_10.2009.PDF).

<sup>1211</sup> La Somalie ne doit pas devenir un foyer de destabilization, Ministère de la Défense (Paris) 9 October 2009. Date of Access: 4 December 2009. [www.defense.gouv.fr/ministre/prises\\_de\\_parole/communiques/la\\_somalie\\_ne\\_doit\\_pas\\_devenir\\_un\\_foyer\\_de\\_destabilisation](http://www.defense.gouv.fr/ministre/prises_de_parole/communiques/la_somalie_ne_doit_pas_devenir_un_foyer_de_destabilisation).

<sup>1212</sup> La Somalie ne doit pas devenir un foyer de destabilization, Ministère de la Défense (Paris) 9 October 2009. Date of Access: 4 December 2009. [www.defense.gouv.fr/ministre/prises\\_de\\_parole/communiques/la\\_somalie\\_ne\\_doit\\_pas\\_devenir\\_un\\_foyer\\_de\\_destabilisation](http://www.defense.gouv.fr/ministre/prises_de_parole/communiques/la_somalie_ne_doit_pas_devenir_un_foyer_de_destabilisation).

<sup>1213</sup> La Somalie ne doit pas devenir un foyer de destabilization, Ministère de la Défense (Paris) 9 October 2009. Date of Access: 4 December 2009. [www.defense.gouv.fr/ministre/prises\\_de\\_parole/communiques/la\\_somalie\\_ne\\_doit\\_pas\\_devenir\\_un\\_foyer\\_de\\_destabilisation](http://www.defense.gouv.fr/ministre/prises_de_parole/communiques/la_somalie_ne_doit_pas_devenir_un_foyer_de_destabilisation).

<sup>1214</sup> A Göteborg, les ministres de la Défense européens discutent des actions extérieures, Ministère de la Défense (Paris) 1 October 2009. Date of Access: 4 December 2009. [www.defense.gouv.fr/europe\\_de\\_la\\_defense/breves/a\\_goeteborg\\_les\\_ministres\\_de\\_la\\_defense\\_europeens\\_discutent\\_des\\_actions\\_exterieures](http://www.defense.gouv.fr/europe_de_la_defense/breves/a_goeteborg_les_ministres_de_la_defense_europeens_discutent_des_actions_exterieures).

<sup>1215</sup> Point de presse hebdomadaire du porte-parole du ministère de la Défense (Paris) 1 October 2009. Date of Access: 4 December 2009. [www.defense.gouv.fr/defense/votre\\_espace/journalistes/points\\_presse/extraits\\_du\\_point\\_de\\_presse\\_du\\_1er\\_octobre\\_2009](http://www.defense.gouv.fr/defense/votre_espace/journalistes/points_presse/extraits_du_point_de_presse_du_1er_octobre_2009).

On 16 and 17 November 2009, Minister of Defence Hervé Morin met with the other EU ministers of defence in Brussels to discuss the initiation of a training program for 1000 to 2000 soldiers for the future Somali national army.<sup>1216</sup>

Thus, France has been awarded a score of 0 for its attendance to all plenary meetings of the CGPCS and its suggestions of initiatives to fulfill the goals set out by the CGPCS.

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**Germany: +1**

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia. It has provided technical support to anti-piracy operations of the CGPCS during the current compliance cycle, and sent representatives to the Plenary Meeting of the CGPCS in September 2009.

On 10 September 2009, Germany attended the Fourth Plenary meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia at United Nations Headquarters in New York.<sup>1217</sup>

Since December 2008, a German naval frigate, the *Karlsruhe*, and up to 1400 sailors, airmen and other military personnel have been participating in operation ATALANTA conducted by the EU.<sup>1218</sup> The mission mandate was to “aid shipments into Somali ports” and “to protect sea lanes in the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean off the coast of Somalia.”<sup>1219</sup> On 17 December 2009, the German parliament has approved a one-year extension of Germany’s naval participation and military mission in Operation ATALANTA.<sup>1220</sup>

Thus, Germany has been awarded +1 for its full attendance of the Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and for its active work in the programs initiated under the auspices of the CGPCS.

*Analyst: Vivian Wei*

**Italy: +1**

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to the fight piracy off the coast of Somalia. It sent representatives to the Plenary Meeting of the CGPCS in September 2009, and has

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<sup>1216</sup>Contre la piraterie, l’Europe veut former une armée, Le Figaro (Paris) 16 November 2009. Date of Access: 3 December 2009. [www.lefigaro.fr/international/2009/11/17/01003-20091117ARTFIG00019-contre-la-piraterie-l-europe-veut-former-une-armee-.php](http://www.lefigaro.fr/international/2009/11/17/01003-20091117ARTFIG00019-contre-la-piraterie-l-europe-veut-former-une-armee-.php).

<sup>1217</sup>Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Office of the Spokesman, U.S. Department of State, 11 September 2009. Date of Access: 18 December 2009. [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm).

<sup>1218</sup>German parliament OKS anti-piracy mission off Somalia, People’s Daily Online, 20 December 2008. Date of Access: 18 December 2009. [english.people.com.cn/90001/90777/90853/6558086.html](http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90777/90853/6558086.html).

<sup>1219</sup>German parliament OKS anti-piracy mission off Somalia, People’s Daily Online, 20 December 2008. Date of Access: 18 December 2009. [english.people.com.cn/90001/90777/90853/6558086.html](http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90777/90853/6558086.html).

<sup>1220</sup>German lawmakers grant 1-year extension to anti-piracy patrols off Somalia, Hurriyet Daily News and Economic Review, 17 December 2009. Date of Access: 19 December 2009. [www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/wires.php?id=3324730\\_piracy-germany-berlin-german-lawmakers-grant-1-year-extension-to-anti-piracy-patrols-off-somalia](http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/wires.php?id=3324730_piracy-germany-berlin-german-lawmakers-grant-1-year-extension-to-anti-piracy-patrols-off-somalia).

provided technical support to anti-piracy operations of the CGPCS during the current compliance cycle.

On 10 September 2009, Italy attended the Fourth Plenary meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia at United Nations Headquarters in New York.<sup>1221</sup>

As part of operation ATALANTA conducted by the EU, Italian naval warships and aircrafts have been actively escorting commercial ships through the Gulf of Arden since December 2008.<sup>1222</sup> On November 18 2009, the EU has announced “to extend the mandate of its piracy mission off the coast of Somalia until the end of 2010.”<sup>1223</sup>

On 1 December 2009, the Italian Ship ITS ETNA sailed from Taranto to join the EU Naval Force in its effort to combat piracy operating off the Somali coast.<sup>1224</sup>

Thus, Italy has been awarded +1 for its full attendance of the Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and for its active work in the programs initiated under the auspices of the CGPCS.

*Analyst: Vivian Wei*

#### **Japan: +1**

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to fight piracy off the coast of Somalia. It has attended all of the Plenary Meetings of the CGPCS held during the current compliance cycle.<sup>1225</sup> Japan has also provided material, financial and technical support to the efforts to counter piracy, and has actively supported the activities of Working Group 1 and Working Group 3 of the CGPCS.

On 10 September 2009, Japan attended the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia at United Nations Headquarters in New York.<sup>1226</sup>

As of late July 2009, Japan has provided two additional naval vessels to its maritime fleet in order to “enhance maritime security.”<sup>1227</sup> It has also begun construction for a base in

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<sup>1221</sup> Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Office of the Spokesman, U.S. Department of State, 11 September 2009. Date of Access: 18 December 2009. [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm).

<sup>1222</sup> EU to extend anti-piracy mission off Somalia through 2010, Defence Talk, 19 November 2009. Date of Access: 20 December 2009. [www.defencetalk.com/eu-anti-piracy-mission-somalia-23078/](http://www.defencetalk.com/eu-anti-piracy-mission-somalia-23078/).

<sup>1223</sup> EU to extend anti-piracy mission off Somalia through 2010, Defence Talk, 19 November 2009. Date of Access: 20 December 2009. [www.defencetalk.com/eu-anti-piracy-mission-somalia-23078/](http://www.defencetalk.com/eu-anti-piracy-mission-somalia-23078/).

<sup>1224</sup> Italian Navy on its way to take over the lead, EU NAVFOR Somalia Public Affairs Office, 2 December 2009. Date of Access: 20 December 2009. [www.eunavfor.eu/2009/12/italiannavy-on-its-way-to-take-over-the-lead/img\\_3590-web/](http://www.eunavfor.eu/2009/12/italiannavy-on-its-way-to-take-over-the-lead/img_3590-web/).

<sup>1225</sup> Japan's Actions against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Maritime Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, 10 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009. [www.mofa.go.jp/ICSFiles/afiedfile/2009/09/09/1\\_attached.pdf](http://www.mofa.go.jp/ICSFiles/afiedfile/2009/09/09/1_attached.pdf).

<sup>1226</sup> Japan's Actions against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Maritime Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, 10 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009. [www.mofa.go.jp/ICSFiles/afiedfile/2009/09/09/1\\_attached.pdf](http://www.mofa.go.jp/ICSFiles/afiedfile/2009/09/09/1_attached.pdf).

Djibouti to house self-defence forces personnel and patrol planes involved in antipiracy operations.<sup>1228</sup>

On 9 September 2009, Japan signed the “New York Declaration” in which it agreed to promulgate “internationally recognized best management practices for the protection of ships against piracy attacks.”<sup>1229</sup> This ensures effective piracy counter measures being adopted by vessels belonging to member countries.<sup>1230</sup>

In addition, Japan continues to be a major financial contributor to the CGPCS and remains the primary donor of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Djibouti Code Trust Fund.<sup>1231</sup> On 21 September 2009, the IMO acknowledged that it had received a USD13.6 million contribution from the government of Japan towards this fund.<sup>1232</sup>

Thus, Japan has been awarded +1 for its full attendance of the Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and its provision of material, financial and technical support for the efforts to fight piracy off the coast of Somalia.

*Analyst: Danial Jameel*

#### **Russia: +1**

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to fight piracy off the Coast of Somalia.

On 10 September 2009, Russia participated in the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the CGPCS in New York.<sup>1233</sup>

Russia has also held several anti-piracy missions on enhancing navigation security near the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden.

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<sup>1227</sup> Japan's Actions against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Maritime Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, 10 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009.

[www.mofa.go.jp/ICSFiles/afiedfile/2009/09/09/1\\_\\_attached.pdf](http://www.mofa.go.jp/ICSFiles/afiedfile/2009/09/09/1__attached.pdf).

<sup>1228</sup> Japan to build own housing, plane tarmac in Djibouti for piracy patrols, The Japan Times Online, 31 July 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009. [search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20090731a7.html](http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20090731a7.html).

<sup>1229</sup> Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Office of the Spokesman, U.S. Department of State, 11 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009.

[www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm).

<sup>1230</sup> Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Office of the Spokesman, U.S. Department of State, 11 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009.

[www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm).

<sup>1231</sup> Technical Co-operation Committee (TC), 59th session, International Maritime Organization, 23-25 June 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009.

[www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=111&doc\\_id=10621](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=111&doc_id=10621).

<sup>1232</sup> Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC), International Maritime Organization (London): 21 September 2009. Date of Access: 8 March 2010.

[www.imo.org/newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=1772&doc\\_id=11856](http://www.imo.org/newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1772&doc_id=11856).

<sup>1233</sup> Participants List. Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia. Fourth Plenary Meetings of the CGPCS at New York on 10 September 2009, Maritime Administration of the US Department of Transportation 10 September 2009. Date of Access: 15 November 2009.

[www.marad.dot.gov/documents/CGPCS-Fourth\\_Plenary\\_Meeting-Participants-Sept\\_10,2009.PDF](http://www.marad.dot.gov/documents/CGPCS-Fourth_Plenary_Meeting-Participants-Sept_10,2009.PDF).

From 30 July to 15 October 2009, a group of anti-submarine warships has been patrolling the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden, and escorting merchant ships from different countries.<sup>1234</sup>

On 28 November 2009, the Baltic Fleet's frigate Neustrashimy sailed for the region to participate in anti-piracy activities near Somalia.<sup>1235</sup>

On 30 November 2009, the Russian naval squadron led by the anti-submarine warship Admiral Chabanenko began the tasks of ensuring safety of navigation near the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden.<sup>1236</sup> On 4 December 2009, Admiral Chabanenko escorted a convoy of merchant vessels through the Gulf of Aden.<sup>1237</sup>

Thus, Russia has been awarded a score of +1 for active work corresponding to the activity of the CGPCS Working Group 1 and for participating in the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the CGPCS.

*Analyst: Polina Cherepova*

### **United Kingdom: +1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia. The United Kingdom regularly attends the meetings of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and currently chairs one of its working groups.

On 10 September 2009, the United Kingdom attended the meeting of the CGPCS in New York.<sup>1238</sup> At the meeting the United Kingdom signed the New York Declaration, “a commitment to best management practices to avoid, deter or delay acts of piracy.”<sup>1239</sup>

The previous day, the United Kingdom chaired a meeting of the CGPSC’s Working Group 1 (Military and Operational Cooperation, Information Sharing, and capacity Building).<sup>1240</sup> The United Kingdom provided support for Working Group 1’s initiatives such as a regional needs assessment, which “provided a clear map on how regional states

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<sup>1234</sup> The group of Pacific Fleet ships after struggling against pirates has returned to Vladivostok, RIA Novosti 16 November 2009. Date of access: 6 December 2009. [www.rian.ru/defense\\_safety/20091116/193863444.html](http://www.rian.ru/defense_safety/20091116/193863444.html).

<sup>1235</sup> Neustrashimy to continue fighting piracy near Somalia, RusNavy.com 30 November 2009. Date of access: 2 December 2009. [rusnavy.com/news/navy/index.php?ELEMENT\\_ID=8186](http://rusnavy.com/news/navy/index.php?ELEMENT_ID=8186).

<sup>1236</sup> The naval squadron of Russia led by the LASWS “Admiral Chabanenko” in late November will begin the tasks of ensuring safety of navigation near the Horn of Africa, The Russian Federation Ministry of Defense 19 November 2009. Date of access: 2 December 2009. [www.mil.ru/eng/1866/12078/details/index.shtml?id=69048](http://www.mil.ru/eng/1866/12078/details/index.shtml?id=69048).

<sup>1237</sup> RNS Admiral Chabanenko to escort convoy through the Gulf of Aden, RusNavy.com 3 December 2009. Date of access: 18 December 2009. [rusnavy.com/news/navy/index.php?ELEMENT\\_ID=8209](http://rusnavy.com/news/navy/index.php?ELEMENT_ID=8209).

<sup>1238</sup> Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: List of Participating States and Organisations at the 4<sup>th</sup> Plenary, State Department (Washington) 10 September 2009. Date of Access: 25 November 2009. [www.state.gov/t/pm/rls/othr/misc/129273.htm](http://www.state.gov/t/pm/rls/othr/misc/129273.htm).

<sup>1239</sup> The United States Signs “New York” Declaration, State Department (Washington, D.C.) 9 September 2009. Accessed 25 November 2009. [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/128767.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/128767.htm).

<sup>1240</sup> Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, State Department (Washington, D.C.) 9 September 2009. Date of access: 26 November 2009. [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm).



can be assisted in addressing piracy on land as well as at sea.”<sup>1241</sup> The United Kingdom also funded the participation of Somali representatives at these meetings.<sup>1242</sup>

The United Kingdom currently contributes to three counter-piracy operations in the Horn of Africa. It provides the headquarters and several ships for the EU’s naval force, Operation ATLANTA, several ships for NATO’s Operation OCEAN SHIELD, as well as ships for the Combined Maritime Forces.<sup>1243</sup> The United Kingdom’s Maritime Trade Organisation also provides logistical support for victims of piracy.<sup>1244</sup>

On 27 July 2009, the United Kingdom signed a bilateral agreement with the Government of the Seychelles to facilitate the prosecution of pirates captured in the region.<sup>1245</sup>

The United Kingdom also continues to participate in Shared Awareness and Deconfliction (SHADE) meetings, which promote cooperation and synchronise the activities of naval forces in the Horn region.<sup>1246</sup>

For its continued participation in and support of the CGPCS and other cooperative measures to combat piracy in the Horn region, the United Kingdom has been awarded a score of +1.

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#### **United States: +1**

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia. It has attended all of the Plenary Meetings of the CGPCS held during the current compliance cycle.<sup>1247</sup> The United States of America has also provided technical support to Working Group 3 of the CGPCS during the current compliance cycle.

On 10 September 2009, United States attended the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia at United Nations Headquarters in New York.<sup>1248</sup>

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<sup>1241</sup> Ivan Lewis, Hansard (London). 2 November 2009. Date of Access: 29 November 2009. [www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091102/text/91102w0011.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091102/text/91102w0011.htm).

<sup>1242</sup> Ivan Lewis, Hansard (London). 2 November 2009. Date of Access: 29 November 2009. [www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091102/text/91102w0011.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091102/text/91102w0011.htm).

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<sup>1244</sup> Ivan Lewis, Hansard (London). 2 November 2009. Date of Access: 29 November 2009. [www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091102/text/91102w0011.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm091102/text/91102w0011.htm).

<sup>1245</sup> Prisoner Transfer Agreements, Foreign Office (London). 27 July 2009. Date of Access: 1 December 2009. [www.fco.gov.uk/en/global-issues/conflict-prevention/piracy/prisoners](http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/global-issues/conflict-prevention/piracy/prisoners).

<sup>1246</sup> The international response to piracy, Foreign Office (London) 2009. Date of Access: 30 November 2009. [www.fco.gov.uk/en/global-issues/conflict-prevention/piracy/international-response](http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/global-issues/conflict-prevention/piracy/international-response).

<sup>1247</sup> Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Office of the Spokesman, U.S. Department of State, 11 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009. [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm).

<sup>1248</sup> Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Office of the Spokesman, U.S. Department of State, 11 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009. [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm).

The United States is currently chairing Working Group 3, which deals with “Strengthening Shipping Self-Awareness and Other Capabilities.”<sup>1249</sup> It is also a signatory of the “New York Declaration” in which it agreed to promulgate “internationally recognized best management practices for self protection to vessels on its registers.”<sup>1250</sup>

Currently, the United States is active in developing a Maritime Security Sector Reform framework that “delineates essential components of national maritime security and serves as a tool for donor coordination.”<sup>1251</sup>

Thus, the United States has been awarded +1 for its full attendance of the Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and its provision of technical support for Working Group 3 of the CGPCS.

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### **European Union: +1**

The European Union (EU) has fully complied with its commitments outlined in the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS).

On 10 September 2009, the EU attended the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the CGPCS.<sup>1252</sup>

On 16 and 17 November 2009, EU ministers of defence met in Brussels to discuss the initiation of a training program for 1000 to 2000 soldiers for the future Somali national army.<sup>1253</sup>

On 28 and 29 September 2009, Swedish Defence Minister Sten Tolgfors hosted a meeting with the ministers of defence of all EU member states in Gothenburg.<sup>1254</sup> The

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<sup>1249</sup> Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, U.S. Department of State, 11 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009. [www.state.gov/t/pm/ppa/piracy/contactgroup/index.htm](http://www.state.gov/t/pm/ppa/piracy/contactgroup/index.htm).

<sup>1250</sup> Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, Office of the Spokesman, U.S. Department of State, 11 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009. [www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2009/sept/129143.htm).

<sup>1251</sup> United States Actions To Counter Piracy Off the Horn of Africa, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, 1 September 2009. Date of Access: 2 December 2009. [www.state.gov/t/pm/rls/fs/128540.htm](http://www.state.gov/t/pm/rls/fs/128540.htm).

<sup>1252</sup> Participants List, Fourth Plenary Meeting of the CGPCS (New York) 10 September 2009. Date of Access: 6 December 2009. [www.marad.dot.gov/documents/CGPCS-Fourth\\_Plenary\\_Meeting-Participants-Sept\\_10\\_2009.PDF](http://www.marad.dot.gov/documents/CGPCS-Fourth_Plenary_Meeting-Participants-Sept_10_2009.PDF).

<sup>1253</sup> Contre la piraterie, l'Europe veut former une armée, Le Figaro (Paris) 16 November 2009. Date of Access: 3 December 2009. [www.lefigaro.fr/international/2009/11/17/01003-20091117ARTFIG00019-contre-la-piraterie-l-europe-veut-former-une-armee-.php](http://www.lefigaro.fr/international/2009/11/17/01003-20091117ARTFIG00019-contre-la-piraterie-l-europe-veut-former-une-armee-.php).

<sup>1254</sup> A Göteborg, les ministres de la Défense européens discutent des actions extérieures, Ministère de la Défense (Paris) 1 October 2009. Date of Access: 4 December 2009. [www.defense.gouv.fr/europe\\_de\\_la\\_defense/breves/a\\_goeteborg\\_les\\_ministres\\_de\\_la\\_defense\\_europeens\\_discutent\\_des\\_actions\\_exterieures](http://www.defense.gouv.fr/europe_de_la_defense/breves/a_goeteborg_les_ministres_de_la_defense_europeens_discutent_des_actions_exterieures).

ministers agreed to better coordinate information sharing between civilian and military actors for maritime surveillance.<sup>1255</sup>

The EU has been conducting the military operation EUNAVFOR Somalia – Operation ATALANTA since December 2008.<sup>1256</sup> Operation ATALANTA is mandated to provide protection for the World Food Programme (WFP) and merchant vessels off the Horn of Africa.<sup>1257</sup>

Thus, the EU has been awarded a score of +1 for its sustained support of programs fulfilling the goals laid out by the CGPCS and its attendance at all plenary meetings of the CGPCS.

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<sup>1256</sup> EU naval operation against piracy (EUNAVFOR Somalia – Operation ATALANTA), European Security and Defence Policy (Brussels) November 2009. Date of Access: 3 December 2009.

[www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/missionPress/files/091117%20Factsheet%20EU%20NAVFOR%20Somalia%20-%20version%2012\\_EN.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/missionPress/files/091117%20Factsheet%20EU%20NAVFOR%20Somalia%20-%20version%2012_EN.pdf).

<sup>1257</sup> EU naval operation against piracy (EUNAVFOR Somalia – Operation ATALANTA), European Security and Defence Policy (Brussels) November 2009. Date of Access: 3 December 2009.

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