



RESOLUTION

Subject: Building an effective and sustainable INTERPOL Maritime Piracy Programme

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 31 October to 3 November 2011 at its 80th session:

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the increase in maritime piracy and armed robbery in the world's seas, particularly off the coast of Somalia and increasingly off the coast of West Africa,

ALSO CONCERNED by the possibility that pirate networks may be linked to other forms of serious criminal activities, including money laundering, illicit trafficking in firearms, and terrorism,

ACKNOWLEDGING that maritime piracy is not contained within national borders, that maritime piracy is planned and financed through transnational criminal networks, and that investigation of piracy and prosecution of suspected pirates therefore requires international co-operation,

RECALLING United Nations Security Council Resolution 1950, which welcomed the ongoing work of IMO, INTERPOL and industry groups to develop guidance to seafarers on preservation of crime scenes following acts of piracy, and urged all States, in co-operation with INTERPOL and Europol, to further investigate international criminal networks involved in piracy off the coast of Somalia, including those responsible for illicit financing and facilitation,

ALSO RECALLING United Nations Security Council Resolution 1976, which invited States, individually or in co-operation with regional organizations, UNODC and INTERPOL, to examine domestic procedures for the preservation of evidence and to assist Somalia and other States of the region in strengthening their counter-piracy law enforcement capacities, and urged States and international organizations to share evidence and information for anti-piracy law enforcement purposes with a view to ensuring effective prosecution of suspected, and imprisonment of convicted, pirates,

CONSIDERING INTERPOL's capacity and commitment to assist the global law enforcement community in tackling maritime piracy and its illicit funds, by collecting, co-ordinating and disseminating actionable information and intelligence, supporting and enhancing domestic and international enforcement,

WELCOMING the creation in January 2010 by the General Secretariat of a dedicated Maritime Piracy Task Force, and commending the Task Force for the activities it has carried out thus far,

RECOGNIZING the valuable contributions of international partners and member countries,

BEARING IN MIND recent Recommendations on maritime piracy adopted by INTERPOL's Regional Conferences, namely Recommendation 2011/AFR/21ARC/REC-04 adopted by the 21st African Regional Conference, and Recommendation ERC-2011-REC-02 adopted by the 40th European Regional Conference,

CONSIDERS that combating maritime piracy is a priority to be addressed by all INTERPOL member countries;

URGES member countries to:

1. Share information related to maritime piracy, *inter alia* through the circulation of INTERPOL's Notices, and populate INTERPOL's databases, in particular the Global Maritime Piracy Database and the Stolen Vessels Database;
2. Support the Organization by making voluntary financial contributions and by seconding specialized personnel in support of INTERPOL's Maritime Piracy Task Force; and
3. Assign specialized personnel to assist in forensic investigations of maritime piracy crime scenes, and to be part of INTERPOL Response Teams specializing in maritime piracy, and to assist in the training and development of the capacity of member countries to combat maritime piracy.

Adopted