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## **Pirates' action outside Somali coasts as a threat to international trade and commerce, resolution adopted by the General Assembly, on its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, held on 23 March 2010**

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply concerned* by the ongoing threat that piracy and armed robbery at sea pose against international shipping including an effective delivery of humanitarian aid to Somalia and the region,

*Expecting* us all to have respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia, including relevant provisions of international law,

*Expressing its appreciation* for the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) efforts in combating piracy off the Somali coast,

*Deeply concerned* that in 2009 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships occur further out at sea, several of which have taken place more than 500 nautical miles from the coast,

*Fully believing* that the creation of a special international fund is the best way of restoring the economy in Somalia,

*Noting with regret* that the limited capacity to prosecute suspected pirates after their capture has hindered international actions to remove the pirates of the coast, and in some cases has led to pirates being released without facing justice, regardless of whether there is sufficient evidence to support prosecution,

*Convinced* that involvement of the foreign investors will ensure a steady and constant income to the country,

*Recognizing* the right of the country whose territory is invaded to come down to military intervention against pirates entering the certain foreign territory,

*Recognizing* the ongoing efforts within the Contact Group on Piracy of the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) to explore possible additional mechanisms to effectively prosecute persons suspected of piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia,

*Deeply disturbed* by the groups of extremists such as al-Shabaab and others who constitute attempts to remove the legitimate authority by violence,

*Convinced* that the incidents of piracy and armed robbery at sea worsen the situation in Somalia, which continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,



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*Noting with deep concern* the negative impact that piracy attacks continue to have on delivery of food aid and other humanitarian assistance to Somalia and the serious threat that this poses to the health and well-being of the people of Somalia,

*Deeply disturbed* that most pirates are provided with weapons from Yemen, with the significant contribution from the Somali capital,

*Approving* the Djibouti Peace Agreement as representing the basis for a lasting solution of the conflict in Somalia,

*Realizing* that more regional cooperation is required for peace and security of African shores,

1. *Calls upon* States and regional organizations, that have the capacity to do so and provided they have the Transitional Governments consent, to take part in the fight against piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia;
2. *Approves* military actions against pirates entering foreign territory;
3. *Requests* Peacekeeping forces of the UN to enter the Somali territory with the purpose of retraining and reorganizing the Somali Police force;
4. *Accepts* that the sovereignty needs to be respected by all parts in order to reach security in the area;
5. *Draws attention to* the strategic importance of the navigational routes along the coast of Somalia for regional and global seaborne trade and the need to ensure that they remain safe at all time;
6. *Supports* AMISOM and its continued efforts in combating piracy as well as its humanitarian work within the Republic of Somalia;
7. *Encourages* Member States to assist the TFG with the economic reestablishment of the country by creating a special international fund;
8. *Invites* International Companies to invest in Somalia due to the advantage of cheap labor force and lower tax rates, thus providing the country with a steady income;
9. *Calls upon* Member States to strengthen the operational capacity of the Transitional Federal Government to patrol and secure the waters off the coast of Somalia and to bring justice to those who are using Somali territory to plan, facilitate or undertake criminal acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea;



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10. *Affirms* the Djibouti Peace Agreement to be the way to a long lasting solution;
11. *Proclaims* the extremist groups such as al-Shabaab and their attempts to remove the legitimate authority and take power by force;
12. *Confirms* that assistance has to be given to the Somali population to reduce their dependence on the pirates;
13. *Calls* for all States and regional organizations to conclude special agreements or arrangements with countries willing to take custody of pirates in order to embark on law enforcement;
14. *Designates* all parties to raise their priority of stopping the piracy as quickly as possible, before its expanding or spreading to wider areas.