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Uluslararası Deniz Ticaret Odasının (International Chamber of Shipping-ICS) 18 Şubat 2021 tarihli ve GOG(21)01 sayılı ekte sunulan yazıda,

Denizcilik Kuruluşlarının güvenlik uzmanları ve Petrol Şirketleri Uluslararası Deniz Forumu (Oil Companies International Marine Forum – OCIMF) tarafından Gine Körfezinde deniz haydutluğu ve silahlı soygun ile mücadeleye yönelik strateji dokümanı hazırlandığı bildirilmektedir. Planlanan strateji programında, bölgedeki deniz haydutluğu ve silahlı soygun vakalarına karşı etkin önlemlerin geliştirilmesine yönelik bir mekanizma oluşturulması amacıyla gerekli görülen alanların değerlendirilmesinin hedeflendiği belirtilmektedir.

Hazırlanan strateji dokümanının Nijerya'nın desteğinin alınması için Nijerya Sektörel Çalışma Grubuna (Nigeria Industry Working Group -NIWG) resmi olarak sunulacağı, güvenlik uzmanları tarafından gemilerde sözleşmeli özel silahlı güvenlik personeli bulundurulmasına yönelik hukuksal ve teknik konular üzerinde çalışma yürütüleceği, bu sebeple mevcut strateji taslağında bu konuya henüz yer verilmediği bildirilmektedir.

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Bahse konu strateji dokümanı ekte sunulmakta olup, dokümana yönelik görüş ve önerilerinizin 23 Şubat 2021 tarihine kadar Odamıza (serkan.inal@denizticaretodasi.org.tr) iletilmesi hususunu bilgilerinize arz/rica ederim.

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TO: GULF OF GUINEA PIRACY AD HOC GROUP

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MARINE COMMITTEE

GULF OF GUINEA COUNTER PIRACY STRATEGY

Action Required: *Members are invited to consider the Strategy for Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Armed Robbery, provided at Annex A and to provide comments to the undersigned (john.stawpert@ics-shipping.org) by no later than Tuesday 23 February.*

Members are invited to consider the Strategy for Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Armed Robbery, provided at **Annex A**. Members will be aware that the strategy has been in development for some time and draws on the initiatives, operations and commitments made to fight piracy in the region. The strategy is intended to provide a mechanism by which the effectiveness of these measures can be assessed, and improvements made where necessary.

The strategy identifies key objectives, actions by which they will be achieved, key performance indicators against which their effectiveness can be assessed, and assessment deadlines for each action. Furthermore, the strategy sets out the process by which the actions and KPIs will be assessed, and follow-up actions determined. The strategy is intended to be a living document, which will evolve over time.

Members are advised that the strategy provided at the annex has been developed and agreed by the security experts of the Round Table of Shipping Associations and OCIMF.

Furthermore, it will be recalled that a meeting of the CEOs of the Round Table of Shipping Associations and OCIMF in 2020 agreed that the strategy should be shared with the Nigeria Industry Working Group (NIWG) in order to gain Nigeria's support for the document. The document will be formally presented to the NIWG on Thursday 26 February, and it is hoped that the relevant Nigerian authorities will agree to the strategy as co-authors.

It will be noted that the strategy does not currently refer to the provision of privately contracted armed guards as a self-protection mechanism for ships. This decision was made after considerable deliberation amongst the Round Table and OCIMF security experts, concluding that further work was required on the legal and technical elements of PCASP deployments before a meaningful corresponding action could be included in the strategy itself. The security experts will undertake this work in due course, and the Ad Hoc Group will be consulted throughout.

Members are invited to consider the strategy and to provide comments to the undersigned (john.stawpert@ics-shipping.org) **by no later than Tuesday 23 February.**

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STRATEGY FOR GULF OF GUINEA COUNTER-PIRACY INITIATIVES

1. Background

Piracy and armed robbery is a persistent problem in the Gulf of Guinea. Pirate modus operandi are affected by seasonal and local factors, but recent incidents have seen a shift in methodology, with large numbers of seafarers taken hostage for ransom in single attacks. This has heightened the concerns of governments and the shipping industry with respect to maritime piracy and armed robbery in the region, and proved the need for an agreed strategy which identifies all available resources to address it comprehensively. Regional States should join Nigeria in acknowledging the problem, and enhanced commitments to better policing of the region's waters, combined with increased interest and activity by external states and organisations, demonstrate that now is the optimum time for action to resolve the crisis.

The Nigeria-based piracy threat should be suppressed as quickly as possible. However, Nigeria alone is unlikely to be able to suppress the threat on its own in the short term, and it is therefore essential that non-regional navies contribute to suppress Nigeria-based piracy in accordance with the requirements and spirit of UNCLOS. Furthermore, it is essential that regional States and Nigeria in particular support such international involvement e.g., inside their EEZ through appropriate mechanisms such as the GOG Maritime Collaboration Forum/SHADE.

2. Purpose and Goal

This strategy draws together the various initiatives, operations and commitments of Nigeria, other regional and non-regional states, the Shipping Industry, and international organisations, for the suppression of piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea. This strategy will assist in achieving this goal by providing a mechanism to periodically assess the effectiveness of all counter-piracy initiatives, operations and commitments, identifying obstacles and shortfalls, and assisting their improvement and prospects for success. The strategy is divided into two mutually supportive sections, firstly those actions which can be overseen by the Nigeria Industry Working Group (NIWG), and secondly those overseen by other regional States, non-regional States, international organisations and others. Each of these sections will be assessed by the co-authors of the strategy on a periodic basis.

This strategy provides a mechanism to assess the effectiveness of the identified measures with a view to meeting the following objectives:

- Increase safety and security of merchant shipping off the coast of Nigeria and in the region
- Increase maritime surveillance and situational awareness for States and shipping
- Strengthen law enforcement and military responsiveness against Kidnapping, Piracy and Armed Robbery
- Encourage continued regional and international cooperation in the fight against piracy
- Popularise awareness of legal rights and obligations on the high seas and within TTW to encourage greater cooperation and MSA.

Whilst the elimination of piracy will have numerous positive impacts on many of the socio-political issues faced by Nigeria and the region, these economic and political factors are beyond the scope of this strategy at the present time.

3. Objectives, Actions and Associated Performance Indicators

The following table identifies the overall objective, associated actions, the party responsible for each action, KPIs by which the impact of each action will be assessed, and preliminary assessment deadlines. The KPIs will be dynamic and subject to change as the situation in the region develops over the identified time-period. Actions and KPIs will continue to be assessed and updated in light of developments in the region, until such time as their goals have been achieved.

4. Nigeria and Industry Actions

Objective	Action	Responsible Party	KPI	Preliminary Assessment
Increase safety and security of merchant shipping off the coast of Nigeria and in the region	Deep Blue Deployment implementing intelligence-based antipiracy operations	NIMASA	Initial Deep Blue deployment commenced by 31 March 2021	End Q1 2021
	Commence 24/7/365 seaborne and airborne maritime law enforcement patrols	NIMASA/Nigerian Navy	24/7 seaborne and airborne law enforcement patrols	Q2 2021
	C4i Centre fully organised and manned and operating 24/7 by 31 March 2021	NIMASA/Nigerian Navy	24/7 operation of C4i Centre by 31 March 2021	End Q1 2021
	Development of C4i Centre staff reporting skills and information sharing knowledge	MDAT-GOG/IMB/C4i	C4i Centre Personnel trained	Q2 2021

	Increased use of BMP West Africa and other active mitigation measures on ships in the region	Shipping Industry Shipping Industry/MDAT GOG	Reduction in the frequency of kidnappings as a proportion of total attacks Demonstrable increase in application of the measures through MDAT GOG registration and reporting	End Q1 2021
	Create framework for regional and international cooperation	Industry/NIMASA/ICC	First meeting by 31 March	End Q1 2021
Increase maritime surveillance and situational awareness for Nigeria and Merchant Shipping	C41 Centre Functionality	NIMASA/Nigerian Navy/MDAT GOG	Increased incident response coordination across Nigerian and/or non-Nigerian military assets, demonstrated by quicker tasking of assets when an incident is reported	Q2 2021
	Provide industry with threat awareness information	C41 Centre/MDAT GOG	Threat Awareness information provided to industry	Q2 2021
	Regional awareness-raising meeting for shipping industry and other interested parties	C4i/MDAT GOG/ICC/EU	Awareness-raising meeting held	End of Q3 2021
Strengthen law enforcement and military responsiveness against Kidnapping, Piracy and Armed Robbery	SPOMO Act revised and enforced successfully	Nigeria	Arrest and Prosecution in Nigeria of suspected Pirates Reduction in obstacles to ransom negotiations to release seafarers	End Q1 2021
	Maritime Intelligence Network Established	Nigeria	Investigations ashore resulting in Criminal Justice proceedings against pirate group leadership	Q2 2021
Encourage continued regional and international cooperation in the fight against piracy	Establish coordinated cooperative operations framework	Nigeria/Regional/FOGG/Industry	Establish information sharing flows through use of existing means to communicate e.g. Netsfere, Whatsapp, Signal or Messenger Increased cooperation and deconfliction across counter-piracy platforms and missions.	Q2 2021

	Provision of a “MERCURY” like system	MDAT-GOG	Development of “MERCURY” equivalent in region in due course	
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5. Non-Regional States, Organisations and bodies

Increase safety and security of merchant shipping off the coast of Nigeria and in the region	Military deployment with effective antipiracy mandates in international waters and airspace incl. inside EEZ	Non-Regional Navies	Increased non-regional presence in International Waters and airspace Decrease in pirate activity beyond national TTW Increased non-regional intervention in piracy incidents	Q4 2021
	Develop a boarding matrix i.e. which flag States allow boarding of their ships by which military forces, and under which conditions. This will help speed up decision making processes e.g. in cases with crew trapped in citadel	SHADE - GOG/G7++FOGG WG1	Development of flag States boarding matrix Increased non-regional intervention in piracy incidents	Q2 2021
	Implementation of Coordinated Military Presence Concept and integrated with relevant regional processes.	European Union	Increased presence in waters that are beyond the current capability of regional navies Decrease in pirate activity beyond national TTW	Q2 2021
Strengthen law enforcement and military responsiveness against Kidnapping, Piracy and Armed Robbery	Legal finish for trial of individuals captured carrying out acts of piracy	Regional States/Other States	Pirates arrested and prosecuted in multiple jurisdictions	Q3 2021
	Explore options for courts with extraterritorial jurisdiction (i.e. as per the Seychelles, et al for Somalia-based piracy)	Regional States/Other States	Pirates arrested and prosecuted in multiple jurisdictions	Q3 2021

	Regional law enforcement officers (“Ship Riders”) seconded onboard naval vessels deployed to region	Regional States/Other States	Pirates arrested and prosecuted in multiple jurisdictions	Q4 2021
Popularise awareness of GOG issues particularly legal rights and obligations on the high seas and within TTW to encourage greater cooperation and MSA	IMO – MSC 103 – High level commitment to action IMO MSC 103 - MSWG Analysis of response to piracy data reported to IMO GISIS Module	Industry/States/IMO/ IMO/IMB	Establishment of a working group to address piracy and armed robbery in the region	Q2 2021
	FOGG – Progress reports and identification of synergies	Industry/States	Clear engagement on the operational issues of regional maritime security and specifically GoG Maritime Situational Awareness	Q4 2021

6. Assessment Process

Actions will be assessed by the co-authors of the strategy according to the following terms:

1. All actions have an associated KPI which it is anticipated will have been met by a specific time and date (the assessment deadline).
2. All KPIs are subject to an assessment deadline, as indicated in the strategy. At an agreed time and date the co-authors of the strategy will conduct the assessment.
3. The success or failure of an action will be determined by the extent to which its associated KPI has been met by the assessment deadline.
4. In the event that a KPI is assessed not to have been met, the co-authors will assess the reasons for the success or failure of any KPI taking into account all factors.
5. An assessment report will be produced by the co-authors recording the findings of the assessment and including any recommendations.
6. The strategy will be amended by the co-authors in light of the assessment report, including new KPIs and actions as appropriate where an action is found not to have been resolved.
7. The assessment report may also provide further recommendations and proposals to assist in the completion of the action in question. The co-authors will provide such recommendations and proposals to the relevant authority or actor as appropriate (e.g. NIMASA or the Nigerian Navy via the NIWG; International Community via UNSC or IMO, etc.)
8. The strategy will be amended by the co-authors following completion of the assessment, including new KPIs and assessment deadlines as appropriate.

