

INDUSTRY STATEMENT

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The maritime industry represented here welcomes the efforts of the UAE, the UN and all the governments represented at this important conference to combat maritime piracy, and is encouraged by the openness and commitment of all those present to addressing the serious human and economic costs of piracy.

The industry fully supports the efforts of the UN and relevant government and non-government organisations to institute long term, on-shore projects that seek to address the root causes of the attacks, including community development, legal frameworks and governance.

The issue of the dangers daily facing seafarers and shipowners and operators traversing waters in which pirates are active remains and is equally pressing and needs to be urgently addressed.

Industry proposes the following measures to combat the increasing incidence of attack on commercial and non-commercial vessels:

1. An increased military presence in the waters off the shores of Somalia, in the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean.
2. The shadowing of motherships controlled by pirates to monitor activities and engage if there are moves to attack shipping
3. That the current military control centre that co-ordinates between navy vessels closely monitors pirate controlled vessels, and informs industry in real time of potential pirate controlled vessels in the area their ships are travelling
4. That all shipowners/operators submit information on piracy attacks on their ships to the control centre in a timely fashion.

The industry represented here will work actively with relevant government organisations and industry colleagues to realise these proposals.