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Legal, Military and Policy Perspectives

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Purpose: To discuss, in an open and informal forum, the various multidisciplinary approaches to the growing problem of piracy. Since the recent developments in the Gulf of Aden, Somalia, there is a renewed concern worldwide over the threat of piracy in trade routes and waterways around the world. In doing so, this discussion will help to evaluate current approaches to the problem of piracy, and moreover, to establish a solution-orientated way of thinking. By bringing together professionals, policymakers and stakeholders, this conference aims to discuss both short-term solutions as well as longer term policy proposals for which an internationally streamlined response is essential. The fact that several countries have suggested creating an international court to try pirates for instance, is a good example of the willingness to search for an international and joint solution. However, for now procedures vary greatly between countries as to what they do with the pirates they capture. This disparity in addressing one aspect of piracy is exemplary for the various solutions that are put forward by national and international stakeholders. Therefore, the main purpose of this conference is to promote a solution-orientated discussion on an international level.

Manner: This is a discourse focusing on establishing durable and effective solutions to the problem of piracy. In order to obtain this objective, the conference will address issues such as the root causes of piracy in order to find long-lasting solutions, the improvement of security for shipping personnel, the difficulties in handling piracy from a national standpoint, the possibilities and limits of military initiatives and the negative effects of piracy on international trade and insurance services. Altogether, the broader message of the conference is that piracy affects a wide range of parties and that therefore a multidisciplinary approach is necessary.

Target Audience: The target audience consists of state officials, legal professionals, policymakers, strategists and analysts, representatives of law enforcement and judicial systems, academics, national and international experts involved with issues of security and insurance services, stakeholders from the shipping industry as well as representatives from regional and military initiatives in the field of piracy.



Introduction and the Necessity of New International Policy Perspectives

- 8.45 *Registration and coffee*
- 9.15 Official Opening by the President of ICLN: **Prof. Elies van Sliedregt**, Professor of International Criminal Law at VU University Amsterdam.
- 9.20 Opening remarks by the Chair: **Prof. Alfred H.A. Soons**, Director of the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea, Professor of Public International Law at Utrecht University.
- 9.40 The influence of political and economical instability on the increasing threat of piracy, **Ahmeddou Ould-Abdallah**, United Nations envoy to Somalia.
- 10.00 Trends in modern piracy, **Hans Tino Hansen**, Managing Director and CEO of Risk Intelligence.
- 10.20 Questions
- 10.40 *Break*
- Necessity of New International Policy & Juridical Perspectives in Fighting Piracy***
- 11.00 Maritime piracy and international law: outline of the legal framework, **Prof. Vaughan Lowe**, Chichele Professor of Public International Law at the University of Oxford.
- 11.35 Limitations and possibilities of dealing with piracy within the national state, **Ambassador Thomas Winkler**, Chair of the UN Working Group on Legal Issues of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia.
- 11.55 Challenges to the existing legal framework, **Judge Tullio Treves**, International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea.
- 12.15 Questions
- 12.35 *Lunch*

Break-out Sessions			
Break-out Session I. Policy Perspectives			
	International Policy	Legal Challenges	Security Initiatives
13.35	Finding a multidisciplinary solution to fight piracy: current initiatives	The possibilities of establishing a legal trial system for piracy	Co-operative efforts on the front line
Moderators:	Academic researcher: to be invited	Vaughan Lowe Professor of Public International Law at the University of Oxford	Bibi van Ginkel Senior Researcher, Fellow at the Netherlands Institute of International Relations "Clingendael"
Speakers:	Rob de Wijk Director of The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies	Geert Jan Knoops Professor of International Criminal Law at Utrecht University, Lawyer	Tineke Netelenbos Chair of the Royal Association of Netherland's Shipowners
	Frank van Kappen Major-General (ret.) of the Netherlands Marine Corps	Liesbeth Lijnzaad Head of the International Law Division at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Representative of the Dutch Ministry of Defense

14.35

Break

15.15	Break-out Session II. Involving Stakeholders		
	International Organisations	Shipping Industry	Regional Cooperation
	Current initiatives in creating regional and global police alliances in the fight against piracy	How to ensure direct security against piracy for the shipping industry?	The role of regional co-operational initiatives in addressing the problem of piracy
Moderators:	Elies van Sliedregt Professor of International Criminal law at VU University Amsterdam	Henri A. L' Honoré Naber Safer Seas Consultancy	Representative of the NATO
Speakers:	Joël Sollier Director of Legal Affairs at Interpol Alfredo Garcia Head of the Organised Crime Groups Unit at Europol	Tony Mason Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping Giles Noakes Chief Maritime Security Officer of BIMCO	Roger Middleton Consultant Researcher Africa Programme, Chatham House Representative of the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre

16.15

Break

16.35

Summary Break Out Sessions: Moderators will report on their respective break-out sessions and outline possible New International Instruments to Fight Piracy.

17.05

Closing plenary discussion: Recommendations for New International Instruments.

What are the opportunities, problems and perspectives in finding a durable solution in fighting piracy? How can we address the effects of piracy? What are the best ways to structure a multidisciplinary approach? Recommendations for future cooperation will be coordinated.

17.30

Reception



For the advancement of international criminal law, professional and social interaction on a worldwide level between academics, policymakers and legal professionals is essential. For this reason, the International Criminal Law Network (ICLN) was founded in 2002 by Science Alliance with the support of the Dutch Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs and the Municipality of The Hague.

ICLN has the mission to organise professional and social interaction on a worldwide level between academics, policymakers and legal professionals in the area of international criminal law. In order to realise this goal, ICLN organises interactive activities on a wide scale, such as an annual conference, several lectures per year, the ICC Trial Competition and regional training workshops. In the first seven years of her existence, thousands of visitors from all over the world have participated in the events of ICLN.

Mission of ICLN:

Facilitating professional and social interaction between academics, policymakers and legal professionals in international criminal law

Upcoming ICLN events:

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Cityscape background featuring the Statue of Liberty, St. Basil's Cathedral, the Taj Mahal, Big Ben, and the Eiffel Tower.

Date, Venue & Language

This event will take place on Thursday, December 10th, 2009. The meeting will be held in the World Forum Convention Center. The conference, as well as the documentation, will be in English.

Registration Procedure

All persons who wish to participate in the conference must register in advance. Participants are requested to complete the enclosed registration form and return it to Science Alliance by fax or regular mail. Each participant should use a separate form. A letter of confirmation and an invoice will be sent upon receipt of the registration form. Registrations can only be made for the complete conference program. Upon registration participants must indicate their preference with regard to the break-out sessions. **Participants from abroad may register through ICLN for the Mare Liberum Conference on Friday 11 December.**

Registration

The registration fee for participation to the conference is € 150,- for ICLN members. The registration fee for non- ICLN members is € 250,-. I.A.P & BIMCO Members enjoy the discounted rate of € 200,-. Academic ICLN members who are employed full-time at an academic institute enjoy the discounted rate of € 125,-. The fee includes admittance to the conference, the reception as well as extended conference documentation, lunches and refreshments (all amounts excluding 19% VAT).

Conditions of registration and payment

The registration form constitutes a legally binding agreement, which obliges persons who register to pay the stated amounts and the non-revocable administration fee of € 95,-. Payment must be made and received in full, prior to the event. Participation in the conference requires payment. The organisation cannot be held responsible for the non-arrival of registration information.

If you have not received a confirmation of your registration 14 days after you made the registration, please contact the secretariat.

NB: CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Cancellations and non-attendance

Cancellations will only be accepted if submitted in writing before the 17th of November. In this case the obligation to pay is lifted, and if payment has already been made the money will be refunded, albeit minus an administrative charge of € 95,- (excl. 19% VAT). Cancellations made after the 17th of November or non-attendance of the event- for whatever reason- DO NOT revoke the obligation to pay the registration fee, and thus no refunds will be made. However, ICLN welcomes substitute delegates if the secretariat is notified prior to the conference.

Visa

Participants requiring a visa to visit the Netherlands, we advise you to arrange your visa at least five weeks prior to departure. The organisation does not arrange visas.

Insurance

The organisation cannot be held liable for personal injuries or for loss and/or damage to the personal belongings of participants either during or as a result of the conference.

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