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**Trust Fund to Support Initiatives of States Countering Piracy
off the Coast of Somalia**

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**16th meeting of the Board
28 October 2014, Dubai**

Present:

- Chair** Mr. Sam Bassey Ibok, Director, Africa-1 Division, Department of Political Affairs (DPA)
- France** Ms. Lisa Plesse, Ministère des Affaires étrangères, Sous-direction des Affaires stratégiques, Piraterie et sécurité maritime européenne
- Germany** Ms. Claudia Schneider, Security Council and Peacekeeping Affairs, Federal Foreign Office
- Japan** Mr. Yusuke Fukuda, Official, Maritime Security Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Netherlands** Mr. Roger van Laak, Head of Division, Crisis Management and Peace Keeping Operations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Seychelles** Mr. Joseph Bibi, Director, Regional Fusion and Law Enforcement Centre for Safety and Security at Sea (REFLECS3)
- Somalia** Admiral Madey Nurey Sheikh, Somali Coast Guard Commander
- Ms. Ayaan Abukar, Advisor, Somali Coast Guard
- Mr. Mahamed Adan, Minister of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Ports Galmudug State of Somalia
- Mr. Abdirizak M. Ahmed (Ducaysane), Director General of Counter Piracy Directorate, Focal Point & Training Correspondent for RCMC and MarSecISN, Puntland State of Somalia

United Kingdom	Mr. Akbar Khan, Deputy Head, Security Policy Department, Foreign & Commonwealth Office
	Mr. Adrian James (Jimmy) Price, Desk officer, Maritime Security, Foreign & Commonwealth Office
	Mr. Grant Calder, British Embassy, Mogadishu
United States	Mr. Jeff Frederick, Executive Officer, Office of Plans and Initiatives, Bureau of Political - Military Affairs Department of State
IMO	Mr. Philip Holihead, Head, Djibouti Code of Conduct Implementation Unit
	Mr. William Azuh, Head, Africa Section, Technical Cooperation Division
UNODC	Mr. Bart Hulsbosch, Programme Coordinator, Maritime and Transnational Organised Crime Programme
UNSOM	Mr. Eric Brandenburg, Senior Security Sector Reform Officer
DPA	Mr. Amit Singhal, Political Affairs Officer and Trust Fund Secretary
<u>Regrets:</u>	Kenya, United Arab Emirates, UNDP MPTF Office
<u>Observer:</u>	
Norway	Mr. Carl P. Salicath, Director for Maritime Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Mr. Jan-Petter Holtedahl, Counsellor, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Nairobi
European Union (2014 CGPCS Chair)	Mr. Alessandro Mariani, European External Action Service Mr. Paul Mitcham, Political Advisor, EUNAVFOR
Italy	H.E. Ambassador Paola Imperiale, Maritime Piracy Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Portugal	Ms. Susana Vaz Patto, Director of the International Law Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
FAO Somalia	Mr. Andrew Read, Fisheries Coordinator

Summary of proceedings

Agenda item 1 (Introduction)

1. The Chair welcomed the members of the Trust Fund Board, as well as the Contact Group chair for 2014 (European Union) and the FAO representatives. He noted that this was the second Board meeting outside New York in the region, which demonstrated strong commitment of the international community to support regional efforts to address piracy. The Trust Fund Board approved the minutes of the 15th Board meeting held on 13 May 2014.

Agenda item 2 (Update on the status of the Trust Fund)

2. Since the Trust Fund Administrative Agent - UNDP Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office - could not join the meeting through VTC or phone link due to time difference, the Trust Fund Secretary read out a statement on behalf of the Executive Coordinator of the MPTF Office and provided the Board with an update on the financial status of the Fund.

3. Since December 2012 the Counter-Piracy Trust Fund received \$11.3 million from 17 donors. Furthermore, the MPTF Office received \$ 11,134 from UNODC as a balance of contributions of the Philippines, in addition to \$200,000 from the Republic of Korea in October 2014. These contributions are considered un-applied until the contribution agreement is signed with the donor. The MPTF Office also received the refunds in the amount of US\$ 644,068 for projects 47 & 59. Based on the approval of the Board, the MPTF Office transferred \$10.6 million for 21 approved projects and Expedited Facility (kindly refer to the attached Funding Framework). The Trust Fund balance, which is available for programming, stands at \$ 1.2 million. The MPTF office maintains all financial data in real-time on the publicly available web-site of the Counter-Piracy Trust Fund on the MPTF Office GATEWAY (<http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/APF00>). The GATEWAY contains the key information on pledges, contributions, transfers, funds commitments and disbursements.

4. The Trust Fund Secretary noted that if the available balance (\$ 1.2 million) and the un-applied contributions (\$211,134) are taken together, the Trust Fund currently has \$1.4 million in its account.

5. The Chair welcomed the contribution from Republic of Korea, Qatar, Spain and United Kingdom to the Trust Fund since the last Board meeting in May 2014. He noted that unless the Fund is nurtured back to a healthy and viable status, it may not be able to provide an effective and coordinated support for to combat piracy in all its aspects. He counted on the Trust Fund Board members' continued support to capitalise the Fund and bridge critical gaps in counter-piracy efforts.

6. The representative of Italy noted that the Government of Italy intends to contribute €150,000 to the Trust Fund in the coming months.

Agenda item 3 (Update on approved projects)

7. The Trust Fund Secretary read out a statement on behalf of the project manager of project #61, that is, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, and provided an update on the progress of project #61. The project is composed of three distinct components: Outcome 1 is an awareness-raising seminar for Somali Parliamentarians; Outcome 2 is an in-depth training programme for mid to senior level Government Officials across various ministries, agencies and regional authorities; and Outcome 3 is a gap analysis of the Somali legislative and policy framework for oceans. Following the disbursement of funding for the project on 2 September 2014, DOALOS successfully organized the first activity under the project, an awareness-raising seminar for selected members of the Somali Parliament, which was held in Mogadishu on 16 and 17 October 2014. The two-day briefing, delivered by the Director and Deputy-Director of DOALOS, was attended by more than twenty members of Parliament, representing eleven parliamentary committees. Participants were briefed on the rights, duties and opportunities of States set out in UNCLOS, in order to gain a better understanding of these issues for the establishment of effective national legislative and administrative frameworks for the management of maritime resources. The Division is currently undertaking preparations, in consultation with the Federal Government of Somalia and other partners, for the implementation of the other components in the project document. Board members requested further update in the next Board meeting with regard to criteria applied for selecting members of the Somali Parliament for Outcome 1.

8. Observing that the Trust Fund supported activities are in their sixth year of operations, the Chair said that there were a few requests from project managers for the no-cost extension of the projects' expiration dates.

9. **Project number 37** (from UNSOM on campaigning against piracy in Somalia): The Trust Fund Board **approved** the request for no-cost extension through 27 August 2014.

10. **Project number 47** (from UNODC on Piracy Trials Programme: South Central Somalia): Request for no-cost extension through 31 March 2015 was **approved**.

11. **Project number 49** (From UNODC on support to prisoner transfer flights from Seychelles to "Somaliland" and Puntland): Request for no-cost extension of the project's expiry date to 31 December 2015 was **approved**.

12. **Project number 60** (from UNODC on support to Counter Piracy Law Enforcement in Galmadug): Request for no-cost extension through 31 December 2015 was **approved**.

Agenda item 4 (Review of projects submitted for funding)

13. Project number 69 (from FAO on Galmudug and Jubbaland Fishermen and Fleet Registration) was **approved**. FAO Somalia noted that under the Fishermen Identification Database System (project #55) approved by the Trust Fund, over 4000 fishermen have

been registered in Puntland using a biometrics system that uniquely identifies individuals by their fingerprints background and physical features. FAO Somalia further observed that the project is a good example of a non-law enforcement oriented intervention which provides a deliverable that can be directly used for law enforcement purposes. The project aims to register all fishers in the Galmudug and Jubbaland coast and create relevant fisheries database. This will support (through relevant data) the efforts of the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Ports of Galmudug and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Jubbaland to establish management plans for the different fisheries occurring in its waters.

14. Project number 70 (from FAO on “Somaliland” Fishermen and Fleet Registration) was **approved**. The project will support (through relevant data) the efforts of the “Somaliland” Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Development.

15. Project number 72 (submitted by UNODC on vocational training to youth most at risk of piracy in Bossaso, Somalia) was **approved**. In response to Board members’ queries regarding criteria for selecting youths, local partners as well as efficacy and sustainability of the project, UNODC noted that project #72 would further build on the earlier project #54 (vocational training for prisoner rehabilitation and youth at-risk in Somalia), approved by the Board in its 13th meeting on 30 April 2013, and that such scale-up was requested by the Mayor of Bossaso based on the success of project #54. As such, UNODC has developed linkages with local partners for efficient implementation of the project.

16. Project number 73 – inadvertently recorded as project 71, which is already allocated to the ‘Hostage Support programme-Top up II’ - (submitted by UNODC on support to Mogadishu Maritime Security Training Academy) was **withdrawn** by UNODC for additional consultations with the Federal Government of Somalia to further clarify legal issues underpinning the functioning of maritime security personnel. Board members stressed that the Official Development Assistance should not be used for military purposes. UNODC would submit revised project proposal for approval.

Agenda item 5 (modalities and timing of next meeting)

17. The Trust Fund Secretariat would convene the next meeting of the Trust Fund Board in consultation with the CGPCS chair for 2015.

Agenda item 6 (AOB)

18. The representative of the 2014 CGPCS chair noted that the Contact Group plans to establish a Piracy Survivor Family Fund as a matter of high priority and urged the Trust Fund Board to support this initiative to alleviate the suffering of piracy survivors and their families, in case the bilateral pledges being made prove insufficient.

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