

Information Note¹

Event:	Maritime Security Conference
Organizers:	Combined Joint Operations from the Sea (CJOS) Centre of Excellence (COE)
Venue and Date:	31 March-2 April 2009; Sorrento, Italy
Participants:	<i>States:</i> NATO States, Finland, Qatar, Singapore <i>International organizations and entities:</i> African Union, International Maritime Bureau (IMB), Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre (MAOC), Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO), Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA), NATO Strategic Command, Office of Global Maritime Situational Awareness, 1540 Committee Member. <i>Private sector and civil society:</i> International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), Maersk Line Ltd, National Maritime Foundation, Thales Naval Group, SELEX System Integrati,

1. Objectives

- Promote awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) and its requirements;
- Identify developments and initiatives in maritime security that are complementary to resolution 1540 (2004).

2. Background

The Second Annual Maritime Security Conference, entitled “Delivering Maritime Security in Global Partnership: Improving Collective Capabilities” took place following a Maritime Security workshop on 30 March. The workshop was convened to discuss an early draft of a maritime security operations (MSO) concept paper for NATO in order to determine NATO military maritime operations in support of maritime security.

The main aim of the conference was to highlight developments in regional maritime security partnerships around the world and focus on information sharing standardization initiatives currently underway.

3. Highlights

The conference centered on the role of regional organizations for maritime security and methods for increased cooperation and information sharing to contribute to achieve a common purpose of action. It was noted that although there is a wide range of different initiatives in these areas, no single entity, belonging to the UN family or other, was in a position to lead an initiative across all domains for ensuring maritime security.

Representatives from the military, maritime security organizations, and the shipping industry shared their information on their technologies, methods and new initiatives that combat existing challenges in

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the field of maritime security. The 1540 Committee Member presented the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004), the mandate of the 1540 Committee and its role in preventing WMD proliferation in the field of maritime security.

4. Additional comments

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