

A-28:Code of Conduct Concerning the Repression of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden 2009

Name of the Convention: Code of Conduct Concerning the Repression of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden 2009

Acronym or short name: The Djibouti Code of Conduct on Piracy 2009

International organisation in charge of it: International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Summary description (in plain language):

The Djibouti Code of Conduct is not a legal binding instrument but an agreement among participating Parties in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden to make cooperation for suppression of piracy acts in the areas.

It defines a) "Piracy" as any illegal acts of violence committed for private ends on the high seas and b) "Armed robbery against ships" as unlawful act of violence committed for private ends within a State's territorial sea.

Participating States are requested to cooperate in arresting, investigating and prosecuting pirates and also in seizing pirate ships and rescuing ships subject to piracy. The participants also intend to suppress armed robbery against ships in their territorial sea.

The signatories of the Djibouti Code of Conduct have agreed to implement and/or reinforce the following mechanisms and activities: 1) Establishment of Piracy Information Exchange Centres in the following locations: a) Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (Mombasa/ Kenya); b) Sub-regional Coordination Centre (Dar es Salaam/Tanzania) and c) Regional maritime information Centre (Sana'a/Yemen); and 2) regional training centre to be established in Djibouti.

Date of signature: January 29, 2009

Date of coming into force: January 29, 2009

Dates of revision: -

Reasons of revisions: -

Applicability (condition for entry into force): It will become effective upon the date of signature by two or more Participants.

Situation of Ratification: (as at December 2010) 17 States

Stakes for ports:

The Djibouti Code of Conduct is expected to work for suppression of piracy acts and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden.

Links with other conventions:

(SUA text) <http://www.admiraltylawguide.com/conven/suppression1988.html>

(Hostage Taking)

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/docs/conventions/Conv5.pdf#search=""international convention against the taking of hostage"](http://www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/docs/conventions/Conv5.pdf#search=)

Key-words: Piracy, Armed robbery against ships

Internet hyperlink with other website:

(full text) <http://www.imo.org/OurWork/Security/PIU/Documents/DCoC%20English.pdf>