

REPORT ON PIRACY WORKSHOP
AT APEC TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP (TPTWG-32)

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Members of MEG and MEG-SEC of APEC's TPTWG 32

- Recognized the seriousness of recent acts of piracy including violent acts of armed robbery in the maritime environment, particularly off the coast of Africa including Somalia;
- Appreciated recent efforts of the international community to deter these acts of piracy in the region;
- Recognized the crucial role of international cooperation and effective information sharing in addressing the serious problem and commended the efforts taken by the International Maritime Organization and the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Information Sharing Centre;
- Noted the concerns expressed by participants during this workshop;
- Expressed their full support for continued efforts by the international maritime community including with reference to IMO Circulars MSC.1/Circ.1334, MSC.1/Circ.1333, MSC.1/Circ.1332, MSC.1/Circ.1302 and Resolution A 25/Res.1002;
- Encouraged coordination with other maritime authorities to develop views on more effective and safer options as appropriate and in consultation with the relevant competent authorities and international organizations;
- Strongly encouraged the dissemination of best practices information by member Economies of APEC TPT-WG to the relevant small maritime shipping companies and industry, seafarers, competent authorities and organizations to facilitate awareness, development, and implementation of effective operational measures in accordance with IMO guidance.