COMMITTEE: Legal

QUESTION OF: Piracy in the Straits of Malacca

MAIN SUBMITTER: Russia

CO-SUBMITTERS: Qatar, Singapore

THE LEGAL COMMITTEE,

***Recalling*** the United Nations Convention of the law of the Sea (UNCLOS) which is a treaty signed in 1994 regarding maritime laws signed by over 150 countries, outlines countries how countries can use their ocean, their rights and responsibilities in a legal manner and establishes guidelines for new countries to resolve future disputes that associates with sea,

***Reaffirms*** the definition of piracy as any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, or any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft,

***Noting with deep concern*** that poverty is one of the fundamental factors of the causes of piracy, where the unemployment rate is 22.2% of the total population in Indonesia and 11.3% in Malaysia based on the reports on the CIA world fact book (2010),

***Taking into consideration*** of the efforts of the Region cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) which is a regional inter-governmental organization to prevent piracy in Asia,

***Fully believes*** that the measures previously stated can be improved upon to further decrease the rate of piracy,

1. *Ensuring*  Malaysia gets more involved with peace-keeping in the straits of ffffff Malacca by:

a.)      Having regular Malaysian security patrols along the Malaysian border of the Malacca strait;

*2.*    *Encourages*  companies to install GPS trackers into the shipping crates to ensure the stolen merchandise can be recovered and to aid the tracking of pirates;

*3.*   *Suggests* the review and possible reconstruction of the international requirements for merchant vessels, particularly for more involved countries including Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, and Indonesia;

4. *Recommends* the Indonesian Government to construct adequate infrastructure for tourism along the coastline of Sumatra, therefore reducing poverty, which reduces the drive for piracy, through methods such as but not limited to:

a.) Expand on existing ecotourism resorts,

b.) Expand on existing heritage sites,

        i. Attempt to enlist in a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Sumatra;

5. *Expresses its hope* that the measures taken in this resolution will help with the reduction of piracy in the Straits of Malacca.