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**Resolution on Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships by the Delegation of the Philippines.**

Deeply concerned with the rising incidence of piracy and armed robbery against ships which cause loss of life and property and pose significant threat to global trade;

Aware that social and economic factors, as well as international organized crimes, lead to piracy and armed robbery against ships;

Aware that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) requires States to cooperate to the fullest possible extent in the repression of piracy and armed robbery on the high seas or in any other place outside the jurisdiction of any State;

Recognizing the importance of the Regional Conference on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships; held in Tokyo, Japan on April 27-29, 2000, with the participation of the heads of coast guard agencies from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam;

Commending the active role of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in recommending, and distributing circulars to coast guard agencies of APPF member countries for the effective implementation of, fundamental and internationally sanctioned security measures at sea;

Emphasizing that international cooperation in the fight against these menaces should be accelerated and geared towards the adoption of common policy approaches and strategies or their harmonization, and through exchange of information, bilateral and multi-lateral agreements, joint activities and programs aimed at the control and eradication of piracy and armed robbery against ships.

Resolves to:

Strengthen the regional cooperation to combat piracy and armed robbery against ships;

Urge all APPF member countries to effect a comprehensive approach that will address the factors that lead to piracy and armed robbery against ships

Encourage all APPF member governments to undertake institutionalized and collective responses necessary for the prevention and suppression of piracy and armed robbery against ships;

Call on the developed countries in the region to provide the developing countries of the APPF with financial resources, technical assistance and information necessary, with the view of building their capacity, to combat piracy and armed robbery against ships;

Intensify information exchange among APPF member countries as a basis for a possible early warning system;

Urge all APPF member countries to enter into bilateral or multilateral treaties for the effective implementation of regional security measures at sea;

Call on all APPF member countries to attend and actively participate in future regional conferences on combating piracy and armed robbery against ships, such as the Asian cooperation conference on combating piracy and armed robbery against ships to be held this year in Japan.