



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

25 March 2014


Dear Mr. Sekimizu,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 17 February 2014 in which you informed me of resolution A.1069(28) adopted by the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on the prevention and suppression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in the Gulf of Guinea.

Addressing piracy and armed robbery at sea in the Gulf of Guinea continues to be one of my priorities and my Special Representatives for Central and West Africa are working closely with States in the Gulf of Guinea to help them implement the important outcomes of the Yaoundé Summit, with the vital support of relevant United Nations entities, particularly the IMO.

In this regard, I welcome the decisions of the Assembly of the IMO to urge Governments to assist States in the Gulf of Guinea with developing their national and regional capabilities to improve maritime governance in their sea areas through the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund. I am also encouraged by the ongoing cooperation of the IMO with the Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa to establish an integrated coast guard function network. These two initiatives are perfectly in line with our common objective and will undoubtedly contribute to mobilize much needed resources and enhance coordination and cooperation in the region.

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