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**Fw: For Advice on Representation: International Symposium on Piracy
12-13 July 2010, Mahe Seychelles**
Sebastien Lawson to: Mudiwa Mapuranga

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FYI, MM. Let's file this one.

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Dear Seb,

Please note that Mr. Pascoe will reply to the letter on behalf of the SG.

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Anne Gueguen-Mohsen

Dear Sebastien, DPA recommends that th...

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Dear Sebastien,

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DPA recommends that the Secretary-General be represented by Ms. Margaret Vogt.
We are preparing a draft reply to the Minister as well as a draft message to be delivered by Ms Vogt on behalf of the SG.

Best regards,

Anne

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Dear Anne, Please let us know where we stand...

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Alexandra Barahona Posada to: Anne Gueguen-Mohsen

01/07/2010 11:15 AM

Cc: Stephen Paparo, Mudiwa Mapuranga, Annick Hiensch, Sebastien
Lawson

Dear Anne,

The SG will not be able to attend the above mentioned symposium. EOSG would appreciate receiving DPA's recommendation on the need of representation for this meeting as well as a draft response to the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Seychelles for the review and signature of the Secretary-General.

Also grateful for DPA's recommendation on the need to send a message from the SG to this event if a representative is to attend. I attach the original invitation for ease of reference.

As usual we would be grateful to receive the electronic copies of the latter to me, Sebastien Lawson cc: Mudiwa Mapuranga

Best regards,

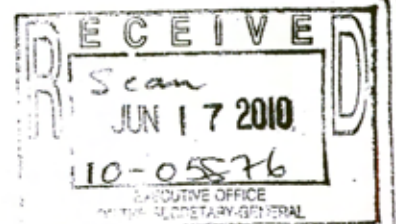
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The Minister

14th June 2010

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Participants in the Symposium will include members of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS), Diplomatic missions with residence in Seychelles, relevant Regional and International Organizations and Financial Institutions.

In the margins of this important international event, donor countries, regional and international organisations will be invited to make voluntary pledges to strengthen Seychelles' national capacities in the fight against piracy. The Seychelles Comprehensive Maritime Security Plan of Action (2010-2040) will serve as a support document in the process. This confidential document is downloadable from the following website:

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I look forward to welcoming you in Seychelles very soon. Meanwhile, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



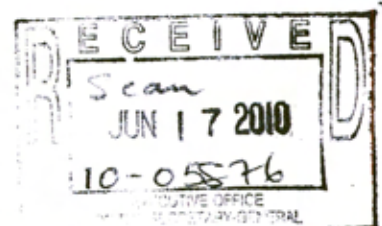
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INFORMATION NOTE

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PIRACY, 12TH TO 13TH JULY 2010 MAHE, SEYCHELLES

**Presented
by**

**The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Seychelles**

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Symposium on Piracy between 12th and 13th July 2010 will be an ideal opportunity to sensitize the international community on the threat of piracy on Seychelles, its negative economic impact and mobilize considerably additional assistance to improve our capacity to fight piracy in an effective and sustainable manner.

The Symposium is programmed to take place at a time when an important section of the international community will be in Seychelles as the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly for East African Regional Meeting will be taking place at Le Meridien Barbarons on 14th and 15th July 2010; non-resident EU Ambassadors accredited to Seychelles are expected to be here.

A comprehensive plan to combat maritime threats in particular piracy is currently being prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with various sectors concerned with Piracy.

Donors and international partners are thus expected to make concrete pledges during the Symposium to help Seychelles in strengthening its capacity to respond to the scourge of piracy.

In that respect, a series of bilateral and multilateral private meetings will be held with international partners and donors. These meetings will ideally be held ahead of this Symposium and in the margins of the Symposium itself.

A provisional agenda is enclosed herewith as annex 1.

Additionally, it is planned for Seychelles to be active henceforth in all international piracy meetings.

2. BACKGROUND

Since February 27th 2009, Seychelles has experienced in total 5 major attacks made by pirates on both local and foreign boats where our fellow citizens were held hostages ('Serenity' attack in February 2009, the '*Indian Ocean Explorer*' attack

in April 2009, the 'Alakrana' attack in October 2009 , the 'Topaz' attack in December 2009 and the 'Galate' attack in March 2010).

Out of all these attacks, a total of 16 Seychellois were made hostages and taken away from Seychelles. With the help of international partners and long and intense negotiations between Seychelles authorities and the pirates in Somalia, 10 were released in September 2009 and the Coast Guards freed 6 in one of the most heroic battles.

However, pirate attacks continue in particular on foreign ships (commercial and cruise ships) in and around our Economic Exclusive Zone (eg: the 'Alakrana' incident).

Consequently, the Act of piracy is severely affecting our fishing and tourism industries. It is disrupting our tuna fishing industry resulting in a loss of employment, earnings and shortages of tuna to the canning factory (tuna importation declined by 30%). Tourism activities linked to cruise ships and yachts are also seriously perturbed and so have most marine activities (more than 50% loss in business).

It is evident that being a small nation facing directly the east coast of Somalia, Seychelles is more exposed to the activities of the Somali pirates than any other nation and it can become a soft target if it is not proactive.

President James Michel (at the ceremony to honor the 18 crew of the *Topaz* for their heroic operation in rescuing 6 seychellois from the Somali pirates), made it clear in his speech on Thursday 8th April 2010 that "*We are not satisfied with the level of assistance we are presently getting in the fight against piracy*".

He also made reference to Kenya, who has also been actively involved in the fight against piracy but which decided at the end of March 2010 to refuse to take more pirates in its prisons and subsequently cancelled all the MOU's on transfer of pirates that it has concluded with its international partners.

Piracy is the biggest external threat Seychelles has had to face as a nation for decades. If Seychelles does not improve its capacity to defend its territorial waters, it may end up being a soft target for the Somali pirates.

Not only Seychelles is the most vulnerable country to the piracy threat, but also it is the most committed country in the region in the fight against piracy (together

with Kenya) considering, the impact of piracy and the level of resources that we have as a Nation.

In other words, in order to get more assistance from the International Community, we need to inform our international partners of our priorities as a country, in a concrete manner and to coordinate the international assistance to avoid unnecessary duplication and wastage of efforts and resources.

3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO COMBAT MARITIME THREATS

The highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of the comprehensive plan to combat maritime threats including piracy, which will be a multisectoral plan which will focusing primarily on piracy.

It will englobe all aspects of maritime security including; Coast Guard activities, fisheries monitoring control and surveillance, the criminal justice system, penitentiary services, tourism, etc.

A technical team has already been set up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and they are meeting up on a regular basis with relevant local stakeholders who are helping in drafting this comprehensive plan with their needs assessment divided into four categories (immediate, short-term, mid-term and long-term needs).

The comprehensive plan will be sent to all donors and international partners at least one month prior to the Symposium to allow for sufficient time for consideration and a decision-making by their respective Administrations.

4. JUSTIFICATION FOR SYMPOSIUM

Seychelles is the country most directly affected by the Somali pirates and needs more international assistance as it cannot on its own adequately respond to this threat.

The meeting will:

- (i) Inform the international community of the latest developments in Seychelles and in the region.

- (ii) Present to donor countries requirements of Seychelles in terms of technical and financial assistance, equipment, training, support facilities etc.
- (iii) Analyze gaps in international cooperation and propose solutions on how best to address them.

5. PARTICIPANTS

This meeting is expected to be a high level meeting and will include Mr. Charles Milupi and Mr. Louis Michel, Co-Chairs of the ACP-EU JPA and members of the International Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS).

All Diplomatic Missions resident in Seychelles and EU non-resident representatives comprising mainly of Spain, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Portugal, Holland, and Greece will be present. Non-EU countries invited will include the USA, China, Russia, India, Japan, Oman, UAE, Canada and Norway. International Organizations invited will be NATO, EU, UNODC, FAO, African Union, UNDP, Commonwealth, La Francophonie, IOC and IMO. As this is also a donors meeting, Seychelles will invite representatives of financial institutions such as the World Bank, IMF, ADB, BADEA, and Kuwait Fund etc.

ANNEX 1

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Seychelles International Symposium on Piracy

12th – 13th July 2010

Le Meridien, Barbarons Hotel
Mahé, Seychelles

Monday 12th July 2010

- 9:00hrs – 12:00hrs Private Bilateral/Multilateral meetings with International partners/donors
- 14:00hrs – 15:30hrs Opening Ceremony
- Welcoming Remarks by Ambassador Barry Faure, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Opening speech by H.E Mr. James, Alix Michel, President
 - Presentation on Seychelles' efforts in the fight against piracy including its Comprehensive Plan to combat maritime threats (Minister Morgan)
 - Presentation on Developments at the international level in the fight against piracy. Mr. Antoine Maria Costa, Executive Director UNODC (tbc)
- 15:30hrs – 16:00hrs *Coffee Break*
- 16:00hrs – 17:30hrs (Breakaway Groups) Critical Analysis of the International efforts on the Fight against Piracy: What are the shortcomings and possible solutions?
- 16:00hrs – 18:30hrs Private Bilateral/Multilateral meetings with International partners/donors
- 18:30 hrs Reception hosted by Minister Morgan at Barbarons, Le Meridien

Tuesday 13th July 2010

- 08:00hrs – 09:00hrs Private Bilateral/Multilateral meetings with International partners/donors
- 09:00hrs – 10:00hrs Pledging session
- 10:00hrs – 10:15hrs *Coffee Break*
- 10:15hrs – 10:45hrs Report of breakaway groups in Plenary
- 10:45hrs – 11:15hrs Discussion
- 11:15hrs – 11:45hrs Way forward

12:30hrs – 14:00hrs

Lunch

14:00hrs – 18:00hrs

Visits

- Prison which will include visit of Somali prisoners
- Coast Guard Control Center and Naval base
- Fishing Port

18:00hrs

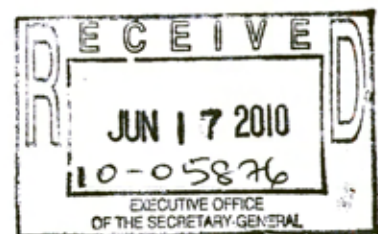
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations and, has the honour to bring to the latter's attention to the attached letter addressed to H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, from H.E. Mr. Joel Morgan, Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Transport, of the Republic of Seychelles.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles would be most grateful for the kind assistance of the Executive Office in bringing the said document to the attention of H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 17 June 2010



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