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ReCAAP ISC Capacity Building Virtual Lecture

Officers from ReCAAP Contracting Parties participated in a virtual lecture to deepen their understanding on legal aspects of piracy and armed robbery against ships.

60 officers from 19 ReCAAP Member States participated virtually in the first Capacity Building Virtual Lecture for 2021, organised by ReCAAP ISC, on 7 - 8 July 2021.

The main aim of this lecture was to deepen the understanding on legal aspects of piracy and armed robbery against ships so as to assist Focal Points/Contact Point (FP/CP) to fulfill their responsibilities. FPs/CP are the government agencies designated by ReCAAP Member States to be the primary points-of-contact for the ReCAAP information sharing network.

The lecture covered the following two themes.

- Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in Asia from the perspective of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
- Other international conventions that may be applicable in some cases concerning the security of commercial shipping

The guest lecturer was Professor Robert Charles Beckman, Emeritus Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore (NUS). Professor Beckman is specialized in Ocean Law and Policy as well as in the International Regulation of Shipping.

The ReCAAP member countries represented at the virtual lecture were Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Denmark, India, Japan, Korea, Laos, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, United Kingdom, and United States of America

Security Council & Somali Piracy



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- Chapter VII of the UN Charter permits the UN Security Council to take measures if they determine the existence of a threat to peace, breach of peace or act of aggression
- Because of the unique circumstances in Somalia, the UN Security Council used its “Chapter VII” powers and created an exception to the rules on piracy after declaring the situation a “threat to peace”
- The resolutions of the Security Council authorize States cooperating with the Transitional National Government of Somalia to enter the territorial waters of Somalia for the purpose of repressing acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea



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The lecture by Professor Beckman



The situation during the lecture

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About ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC)

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The Agreement entered into force on September 4, 2006 with 14 Asian countries as Contracting Parties, and the Information Sharing Centre was established on November 29, 2006. To date, 20 States (14 Asian countries, 4 European countries, Australia, the USA) have become Contracting Parties to ReCAAP. To fulfil its vision as the Information Hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, ReCAAP ISC enhances regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements. At the 12th Governing Council Meeting in 2018, the Council announced that ReCAAP ISC has met the criteria to be a Centre of Excellence for information sharing in combating piracy and armed robbery at sea. For more information about ReCAAP ISC, please visit <http://www.recaap.org>