



## ICMA resolution on piracy

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In response to recent acts of piracy off the coast of Somalia and in other parts of the world, the ICMA Executive Committee has drafted a resolution. The ExCom deplors the danger to seafarers and fishers of piracy and its long term effect on victims. They urge states and international bodies, including the ILO and IMO, to co-operate in combating piracy and in caring for its victims and call for a resource centre for counselling and medical care. The ExCom pledges the support of ICMA in these initiatives.

The full text of the resolution is as follows:

*The International Christian Maritime Association,*

*“Alarmed by the recent incidents of attacks upon and hijacking of vessels at sea off the coast of Somalia that highlight the threat that acts of piracy and armed robbery against vessels pose to seafarers and fishers there and in other parts of the world,*

*“Deeply Concerned for the grave danger that acts of piracy and armed robbery pose to seafarers and fishers and the long-term effects that they have on victims of such attacks and their families,*

*“Lamenting that seafarer and fisher victims of acts of piracy and armed robbery and their families are often left without appropriate care, including counseling, after the attacks,*

*“1. Deplores all acts of piracy and armed robbery against seafarers and fishers;*

*“2. Urges all States to cooperate with each other, with relevant international organizations, and with the maritime industry to coordinate their efforts to deter acts of piracy and armed robbery against seafarers and fishers;*

*“3. Urges the International Maritime Organization and the International Labour Organization to develop guidelines for shipowners on caring for seafarer and fisher victims of piracy and armed robbery at sea;*

*“4. Calls upon all States and interested organizations, including the International Maritime Organization, the International Labour Organization and maritime industry organizations, to work together to establish a resource center for shipowners, seafarers, and fishers on the availability of specialized counseling, medical care and other appropriate services for victims of piracy and armed robbery at sea;*

*“5. Pledges the cooperation and assistance of the International Christian Maritime Association in providing care and assistance to seafarer and fisher victims of piracy and armed robbery at sea and in accomplishing the above initiatives.”*

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