



## International trends regarding the use of private security companies for protection against maritime piracy

*31 May 2013, The Hague*

### **Program**

#### **31 MAY 2013: Seminar**

**Venue:** *International Club, The Hague, Javastraat 26, The Hague*

#### **09:30-11:00**      **BLOCK I: OPENING AND INTRODUCTION**

09:00-09:30      *Registration and Coffee*

09:30-10:00      **Part 1 Welcome and opening**

**Chair: Luc van de Goor**

**Bibi van Ginkel**, Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute of International Relations

**Djavan Romney**, Director of Business Intelligence ESS&SA

**Tineke Netelenbos**, President of the Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners (KVNR)

10:00-11:00      **Part 2 - International legal framework**

Presentation on the international legal framework that applies to piracy and private armed security companies. Special attention will be paid to what the law says about the role of the Master and on competing jurisdictional issues and the position of coastal states.

**Chair: Bibi van Ginkel**

**Alice Priddy**, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

**Kenneth Manusama**, Assistant Professor, Vrije Universiteit van Amsterdam

10:45-11:00      Questions & Answers

11:00-11:15      *Break for Coffee and Tea*

**11:15-12:30      BLOCK II: REGULATIONS, POLICY AND PRACTISE**

11:15-12:45      **Part 1 - Regulations**

Presentations in this session will focus on identifying the most important soft law instruments /guidelines and their coverage. Special attention will be paid to the IMO 1405, the ICoC, the SAMI, the ISO 28007 and its accreditation and the EU. This will serve both as an update on what the developments are in the field and as background information on what instruments and guidance can be used by governments to shape their policy, would they decide to allow private armed security. The session will conclude with a Q & A.

**Chair: Bibi van Ginkel**

**Chris Trelawny**, Deputy Director, Sub Division for Maritime Security and Facilitation. International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

**Nelleke van Amstel**, Project Officer Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) Privatisation of Security Programme, focusing on the regulation and accountability of private military and security companies (PMSCs) on the ICoC. Toezichtmechanisme en certificering/monitoring/reporting/ hoe in de praktijk. Maritieme sector

**Peter Cook**, Founder and Security Director, SAMI

**Giles Noakes**, Chief Maritime Security Officer BIMCO

12:15-12:45      Questions & Answers

12.45-13.45      *Lunchbreak*

13:45-15:30

## **Part 2 Policy and practise:**

Kick-off with presentations by policymakers of a selection of European maritime countries (Denmark, the UK and Italy) that have allowed the use of private armed security on ships sailing through the HRA. The focus will be on how these countries have regulated private armed security and specially, on what difficulties they have been confronted with in doing so and how their national legislation has eventually dealt with a number of issues associated with using private armed security. Attention will be paid to the question to what extent soft law instruments have played a role in that respect. The presentations by policymakers will be followed by presentations by people from the field who have experienced the benefits and/or issues with the aforementioned policies and guidelines. The focus will be on the practical dimension of working with private armed security companies in a piracy-context under the respective national laws.

### ***Chair: Frans Paul van der Putten***

**Paul Gibson**, Director of the Security in Complex Environments Group (SCEG)

**Mr. Terje Hernes Pettersen**, Deputy Director at the Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Industry

**V.A. Ltn (ret.) Fabio Caffio**,

**Simon Cassey**, Chesterfield Group

**Ian Ralby**, Executive Director, I.R. Consilium

Questions & Answers

**15:30-16:00**

*Short break for refreshments*

**16:00-18:00**

## **BLOCK III : PANEL DISCUSSION**

Panel discussion with representatives of different stakeholders in the anti-piracy effort. The panel discussion will be preceded by a short summary on the most important points discussed in the first and second block, which forms the basis of the panel-discussion in which the panel-members (7) are asked to show their perspective on the issue and on how they value both the soft-law and guideline developments and the way other EU-member states have dealt with the different issues associated with private armed security. The panel discussion will aim at identifying the lessons for the Netherlands and points of attention for a possible future policy.

### **Chair: Bibi van Ginkel**

**Frans Paul van der Putten:** Summary of key discussion point from previous sessions

**Muriël Siebel**, Legal Advisor – Business Intelligence ESS&SA

**Mieke den Hollander**, Nautilus (Dutch Association of Sea-going personnel)

**Anneke Kooiman**, Delta Lloyd

**Mr. Henri L'Honoré Naber**, NVKK (Netherlands Shipmasters' Association)

**Martin Dorsman**, Director KVNR (Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners)

**Kenneth Manasuma**, international legal issues

17:00-17:45 Questions & Answers

17:45-18:00 Concluding remarks

**Bibi van Ginkel**

18:00 Drinks

***Note: the aim of this event is to bring together relevant parties from diverse backgrounds in order to discuss current international developments and their relevance for the Netherlands. This seminar is not a commercial event, and participants are kindly requested to refrain from making commercial presentations during any part of the program, including the breaks.***

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