



EU NAVFOR - ATALANTA

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Agreement with Kenya signed

Friday 6 March 2009 European Union and Kenya have signed in Nairobi the agreement on the conditions of transfer of suspected pirates to Kenya.

This agreement defines the modalities for the transfer of persons detained in the course of counter-piracy operations by the EUNAVFOR ATALANTA to Kenya for prosecution.

The document was signed on behalf of the EU by Her Excellency Margita Fuchsová, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Kenya, and for Kenya by Honorable Moses Wetang'ula, Kenyan Minister of Foreign Affairs.



By enabling EUNAVFOR to bring pirates to justice, this agreement will enhance the deterrence effect of the operation.

EUNAVFOR was launched on 8 December 2008 to tackle the problem of piracy emanating from Somalia, in order to contribute to the protection of vessels of the WFP (World Food Programme) delivering food aid to displaced persons in Somalia and the protection of vulnerable vessels in the area of operations in the Gulf of Aden. Since its launch, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA has proved successful in deterring a number of piracy acts.

Contributors to the mission include Greece, UK, France, Spain and Germany. More EU countries will join at a later stage, including Sweden, Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands. Norway has also decided to contribute to EUNAVFOR.

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