
Message of the new Secretariat of the Contact Group on Piracy off the coast of Somalia (CGPCS).

To CGPCS members and partners,

Further to the decision of the 20th CGPCS Plenary Session, the Republic of Mauritius as Chair of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) officially took over, as from the 1st January 2018, the chairmanship of the CGPCS.

The secretarial and coordination duties of the CGPCS will be fulfilled by General Secretariat of the IOC under the aegis of the Mauritian chairmanship for the next 2 years.

The IOC Secretariat wishes to reiterate its thanks to the members of the CGPCS for their trust. The IOC also acknowledges the unwavering commitment of the Republic of Seychelles in the fight against piracy and the accomplishments achieved under its presidency of CGPCS during 2016-2017.

The IOC is an engaged CGPCS partner and an active player in the fight against piracy and other maritime crimes. The General Secretariat of the IOC in its role as Secretariat will aim at supporting the new Chair to promoting the CGPCS as a dynamic platform to foster closer international cooperation to address the scourge of piracy off the coast of Somalia and encourage, support and facilitate actions by all key stakeholders, public and private sector partners including the United Nations, national governments, international and regional organisations.

You can rely on the new CGPCS Secretariat for a close interaction and coordination with all members and stakeholders.

Thanking you for your ongoing interest and support and looking forward to work with all our members for a strong partnership towards a safe and secure maritime zone.

With best wishes for 2018

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