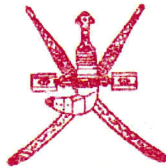


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The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, and has the honour to refer to the latter's note no. DOALOS/Piracy 2009 dated 08 January 2010 regarding the National Legislation on Piracy.

The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman has further the honour to inform that Royal Decree No.7/74 containing the Oman Penal Code was issued on 16 February 1974 and included in Chapter 1 of Part 8, article No.285 dealing with the question of the Piracy which read: "Punishable by life imprisonment each one who assault on a vessel at sea with a view to capture or seizure of cargo or with intention to harm the crew or passengers, and punishable by death penalty if the act of the offender led to the sinking of the vessel or killing any human among the passengers of the vessel." (Copy of which is attached)

Furthermore, the Sultanate of Oman has acceded to a group of international conventions dealing with the crime of Piracy in all substantive and procedural aspects, which are; the Convention of the United Nations on the Law of the Sea, and the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, and they are in the position of the National laws of Oman. In spite of that, the Sultanate has the intention to amend its national legislation represented in the Oman Penal Code, to include a special chapter dealing with all aspects of piracy in a way to suit the conventions acceded by Oman.

The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 20 January 2010



The Secretariat
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