

**The Ninth Meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea**

**Discussion panel - Maritime security and safety  
Segment 1**

**Abstract of the presentation by P. Mukundan, Director, ICC International Maritime Bureau**

This presentation will be based upon the reports of attacks against ships received by the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB-PRC). It is submitted that this represents one of the best sources of contemporaneous information on piracy as it is received from Masters and owners at the time of the attack or shortly afterwards.

The IMB-PRC remains the only manned 24 hour Centre which receives reports of attacks from ships wherever they be in the world. Promptly upon receipt, this information is passed on to the nearest law enforcement control centre for their information and response. A broadcast is transmitted daily to ships in all high risk areas of the world based upon the Shipmaster's reports. Shipmasters have advised that they these broadcasts provide valuable intelligence to them as they pass through these areas.

The presentation will look at current trends, the numbers, high risk areas and type of attacks. It will focus on the high risk areas of Somalia and Nigeria. It will look at the key role played by the IMB-PRC in helping to control this crime over the past 17 years and how its role can be strengthened to deal with the challenges of the future. It is submitted that the IMB's role is a unique and successful public private partnership which governments should support in order to bring this crime down.