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Piracy in the Indian Ocean

Dear Mr Cabral,

Referring to your letter of 27 May 2009 Estonia assures that the piracy is giving rise to concern. The activity of pirates in the waters of Somalia has been alarming for Estonia as our sailors have suffered for the attacks of pirates. Therefore Estonia has considerably supported the activation of military operation ATALANTA as well as the activity of the NATO seaforces in that particular area.

Thank you for drawing attention to the new developments in the activity of the piracy. We consider that the fight against the piracy should be expanded to the areas referred in your letter, e.g to the Economic Zone of Seychelles. We have already supported that position in the relevant foras. The cooperation between the Governments of Kenya and Tanzania should be also strengthened in order to involve them more actively into the fight against the piracy.

We confirm you that the fight against the piracy is essential for Estonia and we fully support the international measures in order to eliminate the piracy.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ain Soome'.

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