Council conclusions on Counter Piracy Operation
EUNAVFOR ATALANTA

3149th FOREIGN AFFAIRS Council meeting
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The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"1. The Council commends the significant contribution of the EU naval operation EUNAVFOR Atalanta to countering piracy. Since its launch in December 2008, ATALANTA has been successfully escorting the World Food Program (WFP) and African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) shipments to Somalia, protecting the most vulnerable shipping and deterring, preventing and repressing acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast, thus contributing to the security and economic activity of the countries in the region and of the international community as a whole.

2. The EU’s counter-piracy operation is conducted within the comprehensive approach as set out in the EU Strategic Framework for the Horn of Africa and as part of the overall international effort for Somalia and the wider region as most recently outlined during the London conference on Somalia.

3. Recalling its Conclusions of 1st December 2011 and subject to a Council Decision to be adopted as soon as possible, the Council agreed to extend the mandate of EUNAVFOR Atalanta until December 2014."

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