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EUCAP Nestor deploys in Mogadishu

As from today, November 24th, EUCAP Nestor maritime, legal and police experts are permanently deployed in Mogadishu. The Mission operational base is located in Mogadishu International Airport (MIA).

This is the second mission field office now open in Somalia. Other EUCAP Nestor experts are already fully operational in Hargeisa, Somaliland.

The permanent deployment of human resources in Somalia is expected to enhance effectiveness of mission activities in supporting the development of “maritime security systems” in Somalia, as well as the Region.

This permanent deployment will translate in a day to day interaction with local counterparts, as well as with other international actors engaging to fight piracy in Somalia.

EUCAP Nestor permanent deployment into Somalia marks a shift of the mission activities in this Country. Strengthening the existing legal and law enforcement frameworks related to anti-piracy and developing maritime security capacity instruments can only benefit by a permanent presence on Somali soil.

Although piracy has diminished at sea in the Horn of Africa as a result of the EU as well as International and local engagement, “Pirates are still out there. They remain ashore ready to act at any opportunity. Our objective is to strengthen the action on the ground in order to help Somali Authorities to identify them and dismantle their structures”, as Head of EUCAP Nestor mission Etienne de Poncins said briefing the press about mission deployment recently.

Background

EUCAP Nestor is a civilian EU mission, under the auspices of the Common Security and Defence Policy, which assists host countries in the Horn of Africa and Western Indian Ocean region in strengthening their capacity to ensure maritime security and in particular to fight piracy.

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