



Committee: Disarmament and International Security

Topic: Addressing Threats to Merchant Shipping: The Rise of Weaponised Drones and Terrorism at Sea

Country: Israel

Terrorism at sea is a violation of international rules that affect us all. In the case of Israel this issue becomes more apparent as Israel has the most technologically advanced and sophisticated navy in the whole Middle East^{1}. This puts Israel in a spot that many do not possess. Israel currently stands against terrorism at sea and has stood against it ever since '48.

Israel is located in the strategic confluence of Africa, Asia and Europe. The Red Sea is known for its heavy usage by ships carrying petroleum, around 4 million barrels daily pass through the Red Sea.^{2} This makes it a lucrative spot for pirates to look for prey.

The Red Sea's entrance is called the Strait of Bab-al Mandab and it is spot where these pirates thrive in. Some looking for riches and some looking for geopolitical maneuvers. These problems manifested itself in an assault on Israel during the height of the conflict in Gaza. Dubbed by the international press as the "Red Sea Crisis" the Iranian backed Houthi paramilitary organisation performed terroristic attacks on Israeli ships in the Red Sea and the Strait of Bab-Al Mandab. Many ships yielding the Israeli flag were attacked and even hijacked^{3}. Israel was forced to respond as the attacks caused pain and distress among the Israeli population. The Houthi attacks also used a wide array of drones and missiles, thought to have been donated by Iran.

Israel stands against piracy and the geopolitical use of piracy for the benefits of nation states. As our president Benjamin Netanyahu stated in his speeches^{4} we will stand against terrorism at sea and will in his words "Hammer" any nation or organisation creating danger for merchant shipping not just in the Red Sea or Bab-al Mandab but the whole world. We will help the free world continue trade and peace by cracking down on the terrorists. Israel hopes for peace and prosperity for all and we do not encourage violence, but those whom threaten the peace at the seas are not our allies and their actions are doubtlessly objectionable. We call upon the nations of the world to rid our seas of danger for merchants and civilians alike.

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