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ABSTRACT

The UN Security Council has issued ten resolutions dealing specifically with piracy off the coast of Somalia. There has since been a growing concern among international, regional and maritime actors about the potential threats posed by the phenomenon of piracy as long as Somali waters remain in a state of lawlessness. Academics and international maritime actors have analysed the several dimensions of the threat to the global economy and global security that piracy off the Horn of Africa constitutes. However, there is a considerable gap in analysing the implications of piracy within Somalia and the broader local consequences. The present thesis addresses this gap and offers a Somali perspective on the dynamic challenges of piracy. Such analysis will inform the debate on prospects for long-term eradication of Somali piracy and propose pragmatic local solutions to confront the piracy problem within Somalia.

The main body of this thesis is divided into three parts: Part I analyses the political and social context of piracy to understand why it has flourished practically unfettered; Part II investigates its core characteristics to identify internal stakeholders; Part III proposes to re-think the counter-piracy approach to allow Somali people themselves to be at the forefront of tackling and eradicating piracy.
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BMP       Best Management Practice
CMF       Combined Maritime Force
CGPCS     Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia
CTF 151   Combined Task Force 151
EEZ       Exclusive Economic Zones
EU        European Union
EUNAVFOR  European Union Naval Force Somalia
EUCAP NESTOR EU Maritime Capacity Building Mission in Horn of Africa
EUROPOL   European Law Enforcement Organisation
HIHPN     Hobyo-Harradherre Piracy Network
ICC-IMB   International Chamber Commerce-International Maritime Bureau
ICU       Islamic Courts Union
IMO       International Maritime Organisation
INTERPOL  International Criminal Police Organisation
IRTC      Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor
IUUF      Illegal Unregulated Unreported Fishing
MARSIC    Maritime Security and Safety
MoU       Memorandum of Understanding
MSC-HOA   Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa
NATO      North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
PPN       Puntland Piracy Network
ROLS      UNDP Rule of Law and Security programme
SEMG      Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group
SHADE     Shared Awareness and De-confliction
TFG       Transitional Federal Government
UAE       United Arab Emirates
UNDP      United Nations Development Programme
UN        United Nations
UNODC     United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
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<td>United Nation Convention on the Law of Sea</td>
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