



## EUROPEAN UNION

# European Union military coordination of action against piracy in Somalia (EU NAVCO)

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The Council decided on Monday, 15 September to launch a European Union military coordination action (EU NAVCO) to support surveillance and protection operations led by certain Member States in Somalia and off the Somali coast.

The Council expressed its deep concern at the renewed outbreak of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast, which compromise humanitarian action and international maritime traffic in the region and contribute to the continued violations of the arms embargo declared by the United Nations.

The European Union military coordination action against piracy (EU NAVCO) in Somalia, is established within the framework of **UN Security Council resolution 1816 (2008)** adopted on 2 June 2008, which allows States to support the transitional government in Somalia in the fight against piracy and armed robbery.

### Tasks

The main purpose of the EU coordination cell will be to support the actions of Member States that deploy military resources in theatre in order to facilitate their availability and their operational action.

The Cell will also facilitate the provision of support for escorts of the World Food Programme's humanitarian convoys (which transport 80 per cent of humanitarian aid to Somalia by sea). The Cell will work in close cooperation with the different actors present (in particular, the United Nations, the African Union, the World Food Programme, the International Maritime Organisation and shipowners' organisations).

The coordination action will be conducted from Brussels by a **Coordination cell** supported by the Military Staff of the EU. **Andrès A. Breijo Claùr** has been appointed Head of the Cell.

**In parallel, work will continue at the Council to launch an EU naval military operation. The Council has approved a strategic military option and has requested its authorities to ensure that that the planning work under way proceeds rapidly.**



## Capitán de Navío Andrés A. Breijo Claúr

Born 21 April 1957 in Cariño, La Coruña, Spain



### Work Experience

#### Land Duties

- 19/09/2008 Head of Co-ordination Cell (EU NAVCO)**  
2006 - 2008 Appointed to the Joint Staff as “Force Planning Branch Head”  
2003 - 2006 Appointed to the Strategic NATO HQ in SHAPE  
1998 - 2002 Posted to the Cabinet of the Minister of Defence  
1996 - 1997 Posted to the Cabinet of Tactical Studies of the Spanish Navy  
1991 - 1992 Posted to the Manoeuvring School

#### Sea Duties

- 2009 - Date Commander LHD Juan Carlos I  
2002 - 2003 Commander of the Frigate “Cataluña”  
1997 - 1998 Commanding Officer of Patrol Vessel “Atalaya”  
1994 - 1996 Chief of Staff of 31 Frigates Squadron  
1990 - 1991 Commanding Officer of Patrol Vessel “Turia”  
1987 - 1990 Electronic Officer of the Aircraft Carrier “Príncipe de Asturias”  
1985 - 1987 Officer of the Frigate “Extremadura”  
1982 - 1983 Officer of the Training Vessel “Juan Sebastián de Elcano”  
1980 - 1982 Officer of the Frigate “Cataluña”  
1979 - 1980 Officer of the Frigate “Asturias”

#### Education

- 1996 - 1997 Spanish Naval War College  
1994 - 1995 Specialist in Electronics  
1975 - 1980 Naval Academy commissioned Lieutenant Junior Grade

#### Publications

“Electromagnetic Radiation Manual” for Aircraft Carriers, and drew up the HERO, HERP and HERF Plans for the Aircraft Carrier “Príncipe de Asturias”, currently in force in the Spanish Navy.

Languages: Spanish (mother tongue), English