

**Press Release**  
**Federal Republic of Germany joins the ReCAAP**

On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021, Federal Republic of Germany has joined the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) as the twenty-first Contracting Party. The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) warmly welcomes Germany's accession to the Agreement.

Germany's accession to the ReCAAP further expands and strengthens the ReCAAP ISC's information sharing network on piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. It demonstrates the crucial role international cooperation plays to collectively address these maritime crimes.

The ReCAAP ISC is looking forward to working closely with Germany, together with other Contracting Parties, to promote maritime safety in Asia.

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**About ReCAAP and Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC)**

1. The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The Agreement entered into force on September 4, 2006 with 14 Asian countries as Contracting Parties, and the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) was established on November 29, 2006.

2. With the accession of Germany, the following 21 States are the Contracting Parties of the ReCAAP.

-14 Asian countries: Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

- 5 European countries: Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom

- Australia

- United States of America

3. To fulfil its vision as the Information Hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, ReCAAP ISC enhances regional cooperation through

information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements. At the 12th Governing Council Meeting in 2018, the Council announced that ReCAAP ISC has met the criteria to be a Centre of Excellence for information sharing in combating piracy and armed robbery at sea. For more information about the ReCAAP and ReCAAP ISC, please visit [www.recaap.org](http://www.recaap.org)