

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3418/08  
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to the Council

Subject: European action against piracy in Somalia

On 2 June 2008 the 15 members of the UN Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1816(2008) which permits States to support the transitional government of Somalia in combating piracy and armed attacks.

1. Does the Council agree that this is a common European interest?
2. Does the Council plan to encourage joint action by the 27 Member States?