Activities of Japanese P-3C Patrol Aircraft
Dispatched for Anti-Piracy Operations
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(Provisional Translation)

1. Record of Mission (1 January - 31 January)
   • Number of flights: 20 flights
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: 146 flights)
   • Flight hours: approximately 160 hours
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 1,150 hours)
   • Number of visually confirmed commercial ships: approximately 1,300 ships
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 10,000 ships)
   • Number of times information was provided to Japanese destroyers, foreign
     warships, and/or commercial ships: approximately 210 times
     (Accumulated total since June 2009: approximately 1,030 times)

2. Instances of when Japanese P-3Cs provided information to other nations’
   warships and/or commercial ships

   • On 1 January, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it detected a
     suspicious ship with contents including a ladder-like item, towing a small-sized
     boat (photograph 1). A foreign warship took over surveillance activities and the
     P-3C returned to patrol operations.

   • On 5 January, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it received
     information from relevant organizations and countries regarding the presence of a
     suspicious ship. The P-3C went to verify two ships and two boats, but did not find
     anything particularly suspect, so reported as such to nearby commercial ships and
     warships.

   • On 16 January, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it received
     information from relevant organizations and countries regarding an attempted
     piracy incident. The P-3C rushed to the site and confirmed a small ship (photograph
2) and a Turkish warship pursuing it. Because the Turkish warship had been 
reacting already, the P-3C returned to patrol operations.

*According to news reports, latter on, the Turkish warship conducted on-board 
inspections and confiscated items such as weapons.

- On 17 January, a Japanese P-3C was engaged in patrol operations when it received 
information from a commercial ship, claiming that the ship was being under the 
attack by pirates. The P-3C rushed to the site and confirmed a small ship. An Italian 
ship-based helicopter which also had received the same information from the 
commercial ship took over surveillance activities and the P-3C returned to patrol 
operations.