ITALIAN COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

MIGRATION FLOWS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND SEARCH AND RESCUE

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO ADDRESS UNSAFE MIXED MIGRATION BY SEA

LONDON 4 – 5 MARCH 2015
IMMIGRATION BY SEA
AN EPIC NEVER-ENDING STORY

1. THE ITALIAN COAST GUARD
2. AN EPIC NEVER-ENDING EXODUS
3. SEARCH & RESCUE BEYOND HAMBURG CONVENTION
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, LAND AND SEA PROTECTION

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL, ALIMENTARY AND FOREST POLICY

JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

CIVIL PROTECTION DEPARTEMENT

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

MINISTRY OF HISTORICAL, ARCHEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
AN EPIC NEVER ENDING EXODUS
1900

TODAY
Their destiny…to die
WHY AN EPIC NEVER ENDING STORY?

MIGRANTS RESCUED AND ASSISTED

from 1991 to 31st December 2014: tot. 484.594
The Immigration Flows to Europe – Flows Analysis

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<th>Flows</th>
<th>2013</th>
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ANALYSIS OF MIGRATION FLOWS YEAR 2014 (UPDATE 31.12.2014)

Types of boats and total number of migrants

**LIBYA:**
Rubber boats and wooden boats
**Total number of migrants 141,484**

Types of boats and total number of migrants

**EGYPT:**
Fishing vessel
**Total number of migrants 15,283**

**TURKEY and GREECE:**
Sailing boats, motor boats and cargo ships from Turkey
**Total number of migrants 11,699**

**TUNISIA:**
Fishing vessel and small boats
**Total number of migrants 1,297**

**OTHER SECONDARY FLOWS : 248**
**MERCHANT VESSELS USED FOR MIGRATION Flow from TURKEY**

- Up to 800 people on board a 50/70 m. ship
- No sufficient life saving appliances
- No safety certificates
- No professional crew on board
- Sub standard ship

Would you allow this ship to depart from your ports or to transit in your territorial waters **WITHOUT ANY CONCERN?**

**IT IS AN HAZARD FOR THE PEOPLE ON BOARD AND FOR OTHER SHIPS!**
PORT STATE CONTROL
A more effective port state control activity by countries of departure is needed in order to prevent the use of sub standard ships for illegal immigration
SEARCH AND RESCUE beyond Hamburg SAR convention

- THE NEED OF AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO MANAGE AN EXTRAORDINARY AND CONTINUOUS MASS RESCUE OPERATION THAT IS BEYOND HAMBURG SAR CONVENTION PROVISIONS

- THE NECESSITY TO RELIEVE THE BURDEN THAT FALLS ON MERCHANT VESSELS ENGAGED IN SAR OPERATIONS

- THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAME ON SEARCH AND RESCUE
Mediterranean Sea:

46,000 km of coastline and 22 Coastal State

With its 8,000 Km of coast - Italy alone represents about the 16% of the Mediterranean coastline

2,500,000 km² its total area

Search and Rescue Regions (SRR) of the countries interested by migration flows

500,000 km² Italian Search and Rescue Region (Red line)

630,000 Km² North Africa and Malta (green line)

In 2014 Italy performed:
- 2,747 SAR OPS inside Italian SRR (almost always not connected with migration)
- 982 SAR OPS outside Italian SRR (connected with migration flows)
ITALIAN AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES SEARCH AND RESCUE REGIONS

Most of the SAR operations
### Migrants Rescued and Assisted

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<th>DEPARTED FROM</th>
<th>year 2013 (until December, 31st)</th>
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<td>482</td>
<td>42925</td>
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*The data is referred also to the people arrived directly on the Italian shore to which was provided assistance in cooperation with the other police forces.*
**SAR**
*Search and Rescue Operation*

**Italian Coast Guard**
The IMRCC (Italian Maritime Rescue Coordination Center) National Authority responsible for search and rescue
It has coordinated and diverted 882 merchant ships (254 ships rescued 42,061 migrants)

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**Mare Nostrum**
*Military and Humanitarian Operation*

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**Triton**
*European Operation for Enhancing Maritime Border Control*

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**Frontex**

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38,047 migrants has been rescued by Italian Coast Guard assets
20 M€ per year
1,6 M€ month

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82,952 migrants has been rescued by the Italian Navy ships during the Mare Nostrum operation

18 October 2013 – 31 October 2014
110 M€
9,5 M€ month

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3707 migrants has been rescued by the units of Triton operation:
IT police forces – IT coast guard – IT Navy - Others EU assets
From the 1st November 2014
2,9 M€ month
# Migrant Rescued At Sea - 2014

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<th>Migrants Rescued By</th>
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<td>Italian Navy</td>
<td>459</td>
<td>82,952</td>
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<td>Italian Coast Guard</td>
<td>243</td>
<td>38,047</td>
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<td>Merchant Vessels</td>
<td>254</td>
<td>42,061</td>
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<td>Police Forces</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>1,601</td>
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<td>Other (Frontex, Carabinieri and Other foreign armed forces)</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1,709</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>*<em>982</em></td>
<td><strong>166,370</strong></td>
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First two months of 2015: increase of 38% compared to the same period of 2014

* Some units were rescued in cooperation by coast guard assets and other military units/police forces.
THE INVOLVEMENT OF MERCHANT VESSELS IN A CONTINUOUS SAR OPERATION:

- **Security concerns**: very high number of rescued people and low number of crew members - riots risk
- **Safety Concerns**: dangerous cargoes; logistic spaces; sanitary concerns
- **Commercial concerns**: costs sustained by owners for voyage deviations
NUMBER OF MERCHANT VESSELS INVOLVED IN SAR OPERATIONS
CONNECTED WITH MIGRATION FLOWS UNDER COORDINATION OF ITALIAN COAST GUARD

YEAR 2014:

882 MERCHANT SHIPS DIVERTED BY MRCC ROME
254 OF THESE TRANSHIPped THE MIGRANTS
TOTAL NR. RESCUED MIGRANTS: 42,061
RESCUED MIGRANTS – YEAR 2014

N° OF MIGRANTS RESCUED AT SEA 166,538
N° OF MIGRANTS ARRIVED ON THEIR OWN ON THE ITALIAN SHORE 3,473

TOTAL NUMBER OF MIGRANTS 170,011

HOW TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE ALSO IN THE NEAR FUTURE?
THE RULES: WHY BEYOND SAR CONVENTION?
THE RULES

COMMITMENTS FOR THE MASTERS

COMMITMENTS FOR THE STATES
(Member States / Parties)
THE CONCEPT OF DISTRESS RELATED TO BOATS CARRYING MIGRANTS

1 - Overcrowded boats
2 - Reasonable precaution
3 – Also in absence of a distress call
THE NEED OF NEW RULES
THE IAMSAR MANUAL - THE FIRST RESCUE COORDINATION

Figure 3-1 - Actions of the “First RCC”
THE RCC BETTER ABLE TO ASSIST

ONLY ON THE SHOULDERS OF ITALY?
CONCLUSIONS

WHAT CAN WE DO AS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY?

- **TO ESTABLISH AND SUSTAIN A PERMANENT AND EFFICIENT SEARCH AND RESCUE SYSTEM**: A HUGE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION IS ESSENTIAL

- **TO RELIEVE THE BURDEN THAT DAILY FALLS ON MERCHANT VESSELS**: FINANCIAL AND LEGAL MEASURES

- **TO ADEQUATE THE LEGAL FRAME ON SEARCH AND RESCUE**: CONSIDERING THE EXTRAORDINARY SITUATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Thank you for your attention

Italian Coast Guard Headquarters - Rome