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Dr. Ian Ralby is a globally recognized expert in seven main areas: 1) maritime law and security, especially identifying and addressing evolving threats; 2) maritime domain awareness and the leveraging of different technologies and data sources for analyzing the maritime space; 3) countering innovative and emerging forms of hostility including hybrid aggression and lawfare; 4) maritime strategy that integrates security, governance and the maritime economy; 5) recognizing and countering resource-related crimes, including illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing together with related maritime offenses; 6) regulating, governing, and overseeing private security companies; and 7) certain aspects of international law including the legal regimes around floating armories, protection of submarine cables and the use of force by armed contractors. In addition to being founder and CEO of I.R. Consilium, a family firm that provides leading advice and assistance on maritime and resource security, he is the president of Auxilium Worldwide, a charitable nonprofit that works to support global harmony. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for Maritime Strategy and an Adjunct or Affiliate of several institutions including the US Naval War College, the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, and the Institute for Security Governance. He previously spent 6 years as an Adjunct Professor of Maritime Law and Security at the US Department of Defense’s Africa Center for Strategic Studies, and 5 years as a Maritime Crime Expert for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime’s Global Maritime Crime Program.

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