



Statement 1- NFP Tanzania

Title; Operationalizing the DCoC ISN

The United Republic of Tanzania would like to reiterate the comments made by WG1 Chair by highlighting the urgent need to make the DCoC Information Sharing Network fully operational as a key foundation for robust information sharing and coordination of operations at sea. Additionally, the DCoC intends to establish a regional database of vessels of interest (suspicious vessels) and use the ISN to monitor them. Your support in ensuring that all DCoC NMISCs achieve full operational capability, as outlined in the strategy and roadmap for the ISN, and are integrated and working closely with the designated Regional Centres in Seychelles and Madagascar, would be highly appreciated. This investment will result in enhanced Maritime Domain Awareness and improved response capability for the region. The timing of this intervention is crucial given the deteriorating maritime security situation in the region.

Statement 2- Somalia

Title; Capacity Building of the Coast Guards

The Federal Government of Somalia wishes to express that, due to their geographical proximity to the Red Sea, countries in the region, including Somalia, are bearing the brunt of the deteriorating maritime security situation, with significant impacts on coastal communities. The resurgence of piracy in the region, despite the progress we have previously made, is a matter of grave concern for all of us. The FGS has remained committed to ensuring that pirates cannot continue to use Somali territory—both in our territorial waters and onshore—to detain hijacked ships and hostages. For the first time this year, Somalia successfully prosecuted pirates within its own borders, and those criminals are now serving sentences in Somali jails

With the support you have provided, Somali maritime law enforcement forces have demonstrated their growing capacity to disrupt pirate operations on a number of occasions. With your support, Somali maritime law enforcement forces have increasingly demonstrated their capacity to disrupt pirate operations on several occasions. This is a clear demonstration that investing in capacity building pays.

We would like to reiterate the calls made by the working group chairs to support the capacity-building of the Djibouti, Somalia, and Yemen Coast Guards, enabling them to take action. This will also reinforce the efforts of our international naval partners and allow them to request assistance as needed. Somalia welcomes the EU's consideration to support some of the work under the DCoC through the Safe Seas for Africa Programme and the Crisis Response Programme, and we urge other donors committed to this cause to strengthen these efforts by contributing to the DCoC Trust Fund.

Statement 3- NFP Mauritius

Title; Coordination of efforts

Mauritius supports the comments made by the WG2 Chair regarding the coordination of technical support and capacity-building initiatives. The DCoC has developed a valuable tool—the Capacity Building Coordination Matrix, hosted on the DCoC website—which, when fully utilized, will ensure that partners provide support based on the needs and priorities identified by the region. We commend the partners who have recently coordinated with the Secretariat when developing programs to ensure that the region's needs remain at the forefront of upcoming initiatives. We urge more partners to incorporate regional priorities into their work plans to reduce duplication of efforts and enhance synergy during the implementation phase.

Statement 4- NFP TBD

Title; Maritime Governance both at National and Regional Level.

----- is very pleased to see how the DCoC has evolved into the premier regional framework for cooperation in addressing maritime security. At the regional level, we have been highly effective in agreeing on common actions, including the various resolutions adopted at High-Level Meetings, thanks to the strong governance structure of the DCoC and the support of the IMO. However, the region's maritime governance is only as strong as its national structures.

To this end, the DCoC has been encouraging signatory States to build a strong foundation at the national level through the implementation of the IMO's Whole of Government approach to maritime security. This involves establishing National Maritime Security Committees, developing National Maritime Security Risk Registers, and formulating National Maritime Security Strategies, so that the regional maritime governance structure has a solid foundation and can be implemented seamlessly.

We hope that more funding will be made available through the trust fund to fast-track the implementation of this program, allowing the DCoC to be built on a strong foundation, as originally intended.

Statement 5- NFP TBD

Title; Appreciation to IMO, Partners and request to continue supporting the Secretariat

We would like to express our utmost appreciation to the IMO Secretary-General and the IMO Secretariat for their unwavering support of the work of the DCoC and for championing fundraising initiatives on its behalf. This meeting demonstrates the IMO's commitment to supporting the initiatives of the region.

Given the comments made by the Chair of the Steering Committee regarding the expected influx of workload in the region, we ask for continued support for the work of the Secretariat, as they are the backbone of the success experienced through the DCoC Mechanism.



We also wish to thank the various IMO Member States and international partners that have supported the work of the DCoC thus far, and we kindly request that you continue to support this worthy cause through substantial contributions to the Trust Fund. This will help finance the implementation of the 8-point action plan shared here today. Such efforts will safeguard one of the most critical maritime shipping routes and create stability for future generations.