



DCoC Donor Meeting

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Briefing Notes by Op Commander ATALANTA

Thank you for the opportunity to address you, particularly following the representative from the European Union, in particular the European External Action Service (EEAS). Indeed, Operation ATALANTA will complement the remarks made by the EEAS representative earlier.

I would like to convey two primary messages:

First, Operation ATALANTA seeks to revitalize contact and coordination with the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCOC). To this end, we have invited the DCOC to co-chair the Aldabra III exercise alongside us in the Seychelles during the second half of this year, and we also look forward to their co-chair in a high-impact exercise in Djibouti scheduled for 10th to 14th of November, this year. All of these activities will be aligned with the existing DCOC MATRIX, which is the framework that accurately reflects the needs of the countries involved and how best to coordinate our efforts.

Secondly, I want to emphasize that Operation ATALANTA will continue to support the DCOC, enhance regional maritime security in collaboration with the member countries, and ensure that all necessary information is available to maintain safety at sea. This is a commitment I make here to all the DCOC Points of Contact, assuring them that relevant information from Operation ATALANTA will be readily accessible whenever required.

Thank you very much for your efforts in sustaining this important body.