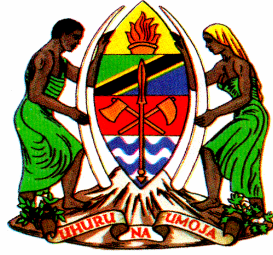


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REMARKS BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, PROF. MAKAME M. MBARAWA (MP) ON THE OPENING 7TH HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT AND JEDDAH AMENDMENT

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA 28TH NOVEMBER 2024

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Hon. Mr. Ali Al-Subhi, Deputy Minister of Transport Ports and Maritime Affairs, Yemen,

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H.E. Mr. Steen Sonne Andersen Danish Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia,

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Directors General,

Heads of Delegation

Delegates of respective countries, International Organizations and Affiliated,

Partners

Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good morning to you.

Distinguished Delegates;

First of and foremost, I would like to thank the almighty God for giving me this opportunity to stand in front of you today. On behalf of the government of the United Republic of Tanzania, and on my own behalf, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all participants and visitors to Tanzania the land of Kilimanjaro, Zanzibar and Serengeti.

Let me also express my sincere appreciation to the Organizer of this Djibouti Code of Conduct and Jeddah Amendment Conference for giving me the honor to officiate the 7th High-level Meeting on the implementation

of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct. This is important meeting within the maritime sector.

I wish to express my profound gratitude to God for blessing us with good health and the chance to partake in this important meeting within the maritime sector in Dar es Salaam. It is also my privilege to convey greetings from H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania. She is pleased with the honour given to Tanzania to host this pivotal meeting in the maritime sector, aiming to bolster maritime security in our region.

Distinguished Delegates;

Many of you have travelled from different parts of the world to Tanzania, You are warmly welcome. We are privileged to have Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, IMO Secretary General join us in person for the 7th High-level Meeting on the implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct. I am pleased that he will be available for bilateral meetings with us, the partners, and friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

Hosting the 7th High-Level Meeting in Dar es Salaam is like welcoming a matured initiative back to its birthplace. As you may recall, in 2008, a meeting was convened here in Dar es Salaam with the goal of addressing piracy in our region by implementing Resolution A. 1002(25) from the IMO Council's C 100/7 session. The goal was to eradicate the threat of piracy and armed ship invasions in the Western Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden, and

Red Sea regions. The outcome was positive, as the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) was established in 2009 and later amended in 2017 to encompass a wider range of transnational maritime threats, extending beyond piracy.

Distinguished Delegates;

We all know that, A high-level meeting of signatories to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (10 to 12 January 2017), the participatory States agreed to work together, with support from IMO and other stakeholders, to build national and regional capacity to address wider maritime security issues, as a basis for sustainable development of the maritime sector. The Jeddah Amendment recognizes the important role of the "blue economy" including shipping, seafaring, fisheries and tourism in supporting sustainable economic growth, food security, employment, prosperity and stability. But it expresses deep concern about crimes of piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity, including fisheries crime, in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden. Such acts present grave dangers to the safety and security of persons and ships at sea and to the protection of the marine environment.

Distinguished Delegates;

Despite the efforts of member states to implement the vision of the Djibouti Code of Conduct , there are malicious individuals and groups who persist in crafting nefarious strategies to undermine regional stability through imposing threats.

Addressing these challenges requires continuous vigilance, cooperation, and adaptation of strategies to counteract these threats effectively. The upcoming High-Level Meeting in Dar es Salaam will be a crucial platform for member States to discuss these issues and find collective solutions in ensuring safer and more secure maritime routes for all.

By promoting information sharing, developing robust maritime security strategies, and fostering regional partnerships, the Djibouti Code of Conduct reflects the commitment of its signatory States to uphold peace and security in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden. This vision aligns with broader goals of sustainable development, economic growth and regional stability.

Distinguished Delegates;

Let's recall the resolution adopted at the High-Level Meeting in Jeddah in 2022, which was reaffirmed at the 6th High-Level Meeting in Cape Town, regarding the enhancement of the DCoC/JA information sharing network through Operationalization of the DCoC/JA Information Sharing Network, Development of a DCoC Signatory States' Maritime Security Strategy and Reaffirmation of Resolutions from the DCoC High Level Meeting on Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

High Level Meetings and in particular this meeting is designed to evaluate our progress in enacting these resolutions. As member States, we will showcase the progress achieved throughout the year and use this platform to address challenges and devise solutions. It is heartening to witness

Friends and Partners of the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) convening today, recognizing the significant financial resources needed for implementation.

Distinguished Delegates;

The timing of this meeting is indeed crucial given the recent upsurge in threats in the Red Sea. It's essential for member states to come together and devise effective strategies to ensure safe maritime traffic in the region. This includes enhancing surveillance, improving information sharing, and strengthening regional cooperation to address the evolving threats.

While the entire region has been affected, I would like to extend my deepest concerns to everyone directly impacted by the attacks in this area. My thoughts are with all of our kin who have endured the loss of family members or property.

Distinguished Delegates;

In conclusion, I am not insisting, but rather suggesting that we strive to apply the agreed-upon principles to guide us in the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and its Jeddah Amendment (DCoC/JA). By working together and adhering to these principles, we can ensure a more secure and stable maritime environment for all.

With these few remarks I am announcing that the High Level Meeting 2024 is now officially opened.

Thank you for your attention.