



## REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### REALIGNMENT OF DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT – JEDDAH AMENDMENT – VALUE PROPOSITION

#### 1. PURPOSE

Analyse, evaluate and adjust the DCoC to align with organizational strategy i.e. International Maritime Organization (IMO).

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

To deploy appropriate processes and procedures to effectively manage and mitigate threats with potential to compromise maritime security within the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden region.

#### 3. GUIDELINES

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted a number of antipiracy measures over the years as mitigation strategy to suppress the negative impact posed by piracy worldwide. In this regard, IMO provides assistance to Member States seeking to develop their own national or regional measures to address the threat piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activities. One of the frameworks recommended to address such threats is the Djibouti Code of Conduct. Furthermore, IMO has developed Best Management Practices to guide both Governments, Shipowners, Ship operators, Ship Masters and Crews on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships. <https://www.imo.org/>

Through the Jeddah Amendment, Member States committed to develop and implement national strategies for the development of the maritime sector and sustainable “blue economy “that generates revenue, employment and stability. Member States also pledged to develop national maritime security policies and national legislation to ensure safe and secure operation of port facilities as well as effective protection of the marine environment and sustainable management of marine living resources. <https://www.imo.org/>

#### 4. ANALYSIS AND PROPOSALS

DCoC	<p>IMO Framework to assist Member States to fight piracy and armed robbery against ships as well as other illicit maritime activities</p> <p><b>Proposal – Printing of the Code in a booklet format just like other Codes</b></p>
<p>DCoC Governance Structure</p> <p><u>Considerations on Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Steering Committee - X4 annually</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Working Groups - X4 annually</b></li> <li>❖ <b>NFPs Meeting – X4 annually</b></li> </ul>	<p>Responsible for ensuring implementation of DCoC/JA</p> <p><b>Steering Committee</b></p> <p>Oversight body providing strategic direction and taking decisions on needs and priorities</p> <p><b>Working Group 1</b></p> <p>Information Sharing</p> <p><b>Working Group 2</b></p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p><b>Working Group 3</b></p> <p>Operational Cooperation and Coordination at Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The objective, roles and responsibilities do not fall under IMO's jurisdiction</li> <li>➤ How will implementation work?</li> <li>➤ Is the expansion of governance structure necessary?</li> </ul>
DCoC/JA High Level Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The execution of the meeting is conference format</li> <li>➤ Member States have little or no time for dialogue/discussion</li> <li>➤ Other significant role players or</li> </ul>

	<p>affected parties are not invited e.g. shipping industry</p> <p>➤ Not in line with IMO standards, processes and procedures</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Align meetings with IMO standards, processes and procedures – Ensure value-added alignment</li> <li>b) A fixed annual date must be set</li> <li>c) Adjust sitting arrangements</li> <li>d) Consider day one of HLM as Conference to open the meeting (Have host Country dignitaries &amp; MC, other notable speakers and 2 panels)</li> <li>e) The HLM meeting (2 days) must be preceded by Chair &amp; Deputy Chair of DCoC</li> <li>f) Agenda must be set timely</li> <li>g) Speakers must submit papers/presentations prior the meeting for inclusion in the agenda</li> <li>h) Include shipping industry as participants</li> </ul>