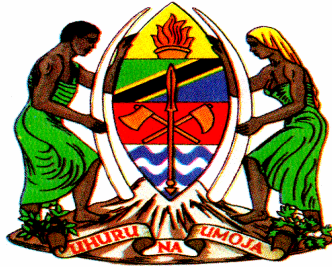


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**CLOSING REMARKS BY DR. KHALID SALUM MOHAMED
(MBM), MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATION
AND TRANSPORT (TANZANIA, ZANZIBAR) ON THE CLOSING
OF THE 7th HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JEDDAH AMENDMENT TO THE
DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT DAR ES SALAAM – UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA 30TH NOVEMBER 2024**

Hon. Abdulla Mohamed Latheef, State Minister Ministry of
Transport and Civil Aviation, Maldives,

Hon. Mohamed Abdulkadir Mohamed, State Minister,
Ministry of Ports and Marine Transport, Somalia,

Hon. Abdulsalm Saleh Hamid Hadi, Minister, Ministry of
Transportation, Yemen,

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

H.E. Ambassador Christine Grau, Head of EU Delegation to Tanzania,

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

Hon. Geoffrey Eyanae Kaituko, Principal Secretary, State Department of Shipping and Maritime Affairs, in the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs,

Prof. Godius Walter Kahyarara - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport (URT),

Dr. Habiba Hassan Omar, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport, Zanzibar,

Mr. Vincent Job, Asst Director, IMO

Mr. Metse Ralephenya, RSA – Chair, Steering Committee, Directors General,

Heads of Delegation

Delegates of respective countries, International Organizations and Affiliated,

Partners

Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good afternoon,

It is a profound honour and privilege to join you this afternoon in the official closing of this important High Level Meeting which discussed very critical issues related to the implementation of the Jeddah amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct here in Dar es Salaam.

It is understandable that maritime activities play the significant role in human well-being and any challenges could greatly hinder the advancement of daily life. The necessity of this fact compels us to recognise the crucial decision to broaden the scope of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and its Jeddah Amendment (DCoC/JA).

Moreover, the current circumstances in our region necessitate a joint endeavor to safeguard the security of our maritime domain and the adjacent environment. The continual presence of maritime threats and the consequent loss of lives is intolerable. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest condolences to those impacted by the recent attacks in the region. Our thoughts are with the families who have lost their loved ones and with all those who have endured losses. It is during these difficult times that our unity and cooperation become most crucial.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The DCoC gatherings, particularly the High-Level Meetings such as this one in 2024, are increasingly beneficial. They provide a forum for stakeholders to engage in meaningful discussions, share crucial perspectives, and develop strategies to enhance maritime security in our region. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the esteemed delegates, experts, participants, and Friends of DCoC for your productive contributions to this meeting.

Distinguished Participant;

Special attention must be given to counter-piracy and maritime security efforts in and south of the Gulf of Aden. These areas are critical maritime corridors that are essential for global trade and regional stability. By enhancing our capabilities to detect, deter, and respond to piracy and other maritime security threats, we can ensure the safe passage of vessels and the protection of maritime resources. This will result in enhanced safety for seafarers, secure maritime trade routes, protection of marine resources, and strengthened regional cooperation, just to mention a few.

The focus on national and regional collaboration is particularly crucial, as it encourages signatory States to work together, share information, and align their efforts to improve governance and law

enforcement across their maritime domains. This collaborative approach can help in creating a more secure and stable maritime environment, benefiting both the signatory states and the global community that relies on these critical maritime routes.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The development of a Maritime Security Strategy (MSS) is another crucial focus, offering a comprehensive framework to bolster security and law enforcement across the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden.

Recalling the resolution from the high-level regional meeting in Cape Town, that emphasised the importance of regional cooperation in maritime security, enhancing security and law enforcement becomes very essential in addressing the various threats that affect the region.

I urge all signatory States to focus working on a multi-agency and multi-disciplinary approach for improving governance and law enforcement across maritime domains and ultimately creating a more secured and stable environment. The benefits of this approach will have a positive impact beyond member States to the global community that relies on these critical maritime routes.

It is essential to remember that *"The sea is not ours, but we are entrusted with its care for our children,"* and therefore, preserving it for the future is our fundamental responsibility.

Distinguished participants;

As we have reaffirmed our commitment to the principles of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and its Jeddah Amendment. The strategies and actions we have agreed upon will guide us in our mission to combat transnational organised crimes in the maritime domain. It is essential that we continue to work together, share information, and support each other in implementing these measures.

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Esteemed Participants,

As we conclude our High-Level Meeting, it is important to recognise the generous contributions that have made this meeting a resounding success. The support from our donors has been instrumental and we extend our deepest gratitude to our esteemed donors for their unwavering commitment to our shared goals. Their contributions have not only supported this meeting but have also reinforced the vital work we are doing to enhance maritime security and cooperation in our region.

A special thank you to UNITAR for their significant contribution. We would like also to thank EU, IOC, INTERPOL, Friends of DCoC and it is essential to recognize and express our deepest gratitude to all the individuals and organizations who have shown goodwill and support towards the DCoC/JA.

We have also received strong support from the institutions of the Ministry of Transport, and Ministry of Works, Infrastructure and Communications. Your dedication and support have been invaluable.

Your generosity and dedication have been crucial in bringing us together and empowering us to work towards a safer and more prosperous maritime future. We look forward to continuing our partnership and achieving even greater milestones together.

In conclusion, I suggest that we all strive to apply the agreed-upon principles to ensure that the Djibouti Code of Conduct and its Jeddah Amendment are effectively implemented. Together, we can achieve a more secured and stable maritime environment for the benefit of all our nations.

May I also suggest to our guests coming from outside Tanzania to take advantage of being here, to consider extending your stay for few more days to visit and have a look at what Tanzania can offer

as tourists attractions. You may plan to visit the Mountain Kilimanjaro, visit the Mikumi, Serengeti and Ngorongoro wildlife on Mainland Tanzania or cross the Indian Ocean channel to the beautiful islands of Zanzibar and get the opportunity of conducting the exotic stone town and spice tours, visit the Jozani National Park and enjoy the water sports and white sand beaches around.

We thank you all for your dedication and commitment and wish you safe travel back home. Certainly, we look forward to our continued engagement and collaboration.

With these few remarks, I now have the honour to declare this meeting officially closed.

Thank you for your kind attention.