

**DCOC HIGH-LEVEL, REGIONAL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
JEDDAH AMENDMENT
CAPE TOWN, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
24 – 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Resolution #1 OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE DCOC/JA INFORMATION SHARING NETWORK

The High-level, Regional Meeting on Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct:

RECALLING that Article 3 of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC), 2017 (“the Jeddah Amendment”) in essence calls for signatory States to establish multi-agency, multi-disciplinary national maritime security and facilitation committees (NMSCs) for co-ordination between relevant State agencies and private sector entities responsible for the implementation of measures to fight transnational organized crime in the maritime domain, maritime terrorism, IUU fishing and other illegal activities at sea;

RECALLING that Article 11 of the Jeddah Amendment in essence calls for signatory States to facilitate coordinated, timely, and effective information flow among the Participants and to make full use of other national and regional initiatives that promote communication, coordination and cooperation, both civilian and military;

RECOGNIZING that the establishment of NMSCs, connected through national maritime information sharing centres (NMISC) and connected through an effective information sharing network (ISN) will enhance regional cooperation, coordination and communication, and improve marine domain awareness, consistent with the aims of the Jeddah Amendment;

RECALLING that the High-level Regional Meeting on Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 28 to 30 June 2022 adopted, as its Resolution One, a “Roadmap for enhancing the Djibouti Code of Conduct Information Sharing Network to meet the objectives of the Jeddah Amendment” (“Dubai Resolution One”);

RECALLING that the High-level Regional Meeting on Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 22-24 November 2022 adopted its Resolution One on “Enhancement of the DCOC/JA Information Sharing Network” (“Jeddah Resolution One”);

NOTING the outcomes of the “Regional Workshop on developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the DCoC/JA Information Sharing Network”, held at the Jeddah Academy for Maritime Science and Security Studies from 30 July to 10 August 2023, which, inter alia;

- .1 developed and agreed mission and vision statements for national maritime security information sharing centres (NMISCs):
- .2 significantly progressed the work to develop SOPs for NMISCs; and
- .3 recommended that any SOPs developed should be tested and reviewed before being adopted.

NOTING the DCoC Maritime Information Sharing Workshop held in India from 14 to 16 September 2023 had further refined the draft SOPs; and

HAVING CONSIDERED FURTHER the draft SOPs annexed to this resolution

Has decided

1 To reaffirm the intent of, and provisions outlined in, Dubai Resolution One and Jeddah Resolution One;

2 The mission and vision of NMISCs shall be:

Mission:

The multiagency National Maritime Information Sharing Centre (NMISC) shall collect, analyse, and share maritime safety and security information in order to enhance maritime domain awareness and understanding. This will empower national maritime stakeholders and facilitate inter-agency cooperation to ensure safety, security, and economic prosperity in the maritime domain.

Vision:

1. All national agencies with responsibility for aspects of maritime security actively collaborate and engage in seamless information sharing through the NMISC.
2. The NMISC actively facilitates inter-agency coordination, cooperation and communication and supports the implementation of the National Maritime Security and Facilitation Committee's policies through information exchange and the adoption of best practice.
3. The NMISC facilitates effective operational responses through the timely provision of accurate, actionable information to entities responsible for exercising direct command and control over maritime assets.
4. Through the full realization of its mission, the NMISC acts as the national focal point for international/regional information sharing and cooperation.
5. The NMISC achieves its mission through ensuring the highest standards of integrity, proactivity, professional training and motivation of its staff, supported by competent managers and effective equipment;

3 To adopt the SOPs annexed to this resolution as interim guidance on the proviso that they shall be further reviewed in the light of operational experience;

4 To instruct Working Group One to keep the SOPs under review and to report on their status to the next High-level Meeting.

[Attach SOPs document as amended by the Cape Town meeting]