

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

Resolution #2 DEVELOPMENT OF A DCOC SIGNATORY STATES' MARITIME SECURITY STRATEGY

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

RECALLING that the IMO Sub-regional meeting on piracy, armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden Area, hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and held in Jeddah from 10 to 12 January 2017 adopted the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017 (DCoC/JA).

RECALLING that the Fifth High-level, Regional Meeting on Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, held at the Jeddah Academy for Maritime Science and Security Studies in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 22 to 24 November 2022 (“the Jeddah Meeting”), had agreed the DCoC/JA was a tool for achieving increased prosperity throughout the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden area, enabled by enhanced, coordinated, and increasingly shared approaches to combat maritime insecurity and strengthen law enforcement.

RECALLING ALSO that the Jeddah Meeting had further agreed that implementation of the DCoC/JA will also help signatory States to develop further their maritime sectors and sustainable blue economies; to meet their obligations under international law and treaties; and to meet aspirational goals and targets such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

NOTING that DCoC signatory States are subject to a diverse range of threats that affect each country in differing ways and degrees.

NOTING that DCoC signatory States stand to benefit from the opportunities offered by maritime trade and the blue economy, especially revenue from sustainable fisheries, tourism, and extraction of offshore oil, gas, and minerals, all of which require a secure environment in which to thrive. As revenue generators, and if properly managed, these industries should be able to fund the security measures that allow them to prosper.

BEING CONVINCED that the development of a DCOC Signatory States' Maritime Security Strategy (DCoC MSS) as a collective effort to identify how signatory States can work together both nationally and as a region, will be an effective tool for increasing prosperity through enhanced maritime security and law enforcement throughout all DCoC signatory States.

BELIEVING that the guiding principle for the DCoC MSS should be maritime security for a purpose, as a means to an end rather than an end in itself.

BELIEVING that the strategic aim of the DCoC MSS should be increased prosperity through enhanced maritime security and law enforcement throughout DCoC signatory States.

BELIEVING ALSO that the way to achieve that aim is to adopt a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary approach to maritime security, governance, and law enforcement on both national and regional levels, that builds on existing structures and where appropriate, creates new ones in order to refocus efforts on a holistic approach to maritime security and maritime law enforcement.

HAVING CONSIDERED FURTHER the draft framework for a DCoC MSS annexed to this resolution

Has decided

1 To reaffirm the intent of, and provisions outlined in, Jeddah Resolution Two on Responding to Evolving Maritime Challenges and Security Priorities of Signatory States t the DCOC/JA;

2 To instruct the Steering Committee to initiate a project to further consider Goals (or “Ends”), Objectives (or “Ways” of achieving those goals) and Approaches (or “Means”) to achieve the overall strategic objective of the Strategy - “to increase prosperity through enhanced maritime security and law enforcement throughout all DCoC signatory States”, in order to develop a comprehensive delivery and action plan.

3 To invite the Friends of the DCoC to provide sufficient funding to the DCoC Trust Fund to facilitate the work of developing the DCoC MSS.

[Attach as Annex the table from the Read Ahead paper]