

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

Resolution #3 ESTABLISHMENT OF THEMATIC SUB-WORKING GROUPS FOR WG 2 ON CAPACITY BUILDING COORDINATION

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 Jeddah amendment outlines a range of threats to maritime security on which participating States agreed to cooperate to the fullest extent possible to combat them. These are:

- 1) Piracy and armed robbery against ships;
- 2) Maritime terrorism;
- 3) IUU fishing;
- 4) Trafficking in arms;
- 5) Trafficking in narcotics and psychotropic substances;
- 6) Illegal trade in wildlife and other items in violation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES);
- 7) Illegal oil bunkering;
- 8) Crude oil theft;
- 9) Human trafficking;
- 10) Human smuggling; and
- 11) Illegal dumping of toxic waste.

In addition to the above, participating States have agreed to subsequent resolutions to collaborate in dealing with new and emerging threats, such as cybersecurity and threats from drones.

BELIEVING that although commendable progress has been made in developing measures to improve maritime security, not enough attention has been given to addressing some of those threats.

NOTING that since it was established, the DCoC Working Group Two on Capacity Building Coordination has made great strides in its efforts to ensure better coordination of effort. The development of the Capacity Building Coordination Matrix has provided a powerful tool to articulate the maritime security priorities and training needs of signatory States.

BELIEVING that the effectiveness of DCoC Working Group Two would be enhanced by extending its scope through the creation of sub-working groups as necessary to coordinate different thematic areas covered under the DCoC/JA in order to embrace existing mechanisms operating in the region, thereby avoiding any duplication of effort.

BELIEVING that these sub working groups will play a pivotal role in facilitating effective communication, collaboration, and alignment of regional efforts under the DCoC/JA, serving as liaisons between participating States, the secretariat, and relevant stakeholders, leveraging their expertise and knowledge, and ensuring that ongoing projects are coordinated, best practices are shared, and the overall impact is maximized.

Has decided

- 1 To establish sub working groups on:
 - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing,
 - Port and Ship security and protection of vital coastal installations,
 - New and emerging threats to maritime security,
 - Trafficking in arms, narcotics, and psychotropic substances,
 - Illegal trade in wildlife and other items, in violation of CITES;
 - Threats to maritime environment and,
 - Human trafficking and smuggling.
 - 2 To invite signatory States to nominate Chairs of those sub working groups with the relevant competencies.
 - 3 To invite the Friends of the DCoC to provide sufficient funding to the DCoC Trust Fund to facilitate the work of the sub working groups.
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