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Inaugural Workshop on the Establishment of the DCoC Working Group 3 On Operational Cooperation and Coordination at Sea,

Serena Beach Resort & Spa, Mombasa, Kenya

1-4 September 2025

Closing Remarks by Chair of Djibouti Code of Conduct – Jeddah Amendment

South Africa – Ms. Mashudu Nepfumbada

All protocol observed;

Like a symphony orchestra, the inauguration of Working Group 3 has underscored the requisite for efficient coordination. Just like the Methodist Bishop H.E Luccock perfectly puts it “No one can whistle a symphony, it takes an orchestra to play it”. For the location, concept documents, participants and discussions were in harmony. Indeed, Mombasa provided a great ambiance to launch the ship for the maiden voyage.

To the Kenya Navy Commander, Major-General Paul Owuor Otieno. Thanks for showcasing what premium forum means. The meticulous planning, prudent team and efficient collaboration amongst various maritime entities has indeed set best standards. What an inspiring and unforgettable workshop. A resounding success it was. Vizuri, Well Done!

In the same vain, let me take the opportunity to congratulate the Republic of Kenya for the unanimous nomination of Chair of Working Group 3 and the Republic of Djibouti for Deputy Chair.

To Brig. Shemota, we are all on board with all hands on-deck for the voyage. It is also my aspiration to see woman gowned in this beautiful naval uniform during the next session of Working Group 3. It is vital to encourage woman and include them as substantial participants and not just as mere supporting delegates.

To DCoC Member States;

Let us remember on of the dreams of President Nelson Mandela “I dream of the realisation of the unity of Africa, whereby its leaders combine in their efforts to solve the problems of the continent”. May we combine our efforts to solve the maritime security threats within the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden. There is no other befitting opportunity than the present, to play our part in realising the dream of the noble man. Maritime Security threats within the region will require our commitment to effectively coordinate, collaborate and ultimately cooperate to counter them. For “Alone we are a drop in the Ocean but together we are an Ocean” so said Ryunosuke Satono

We have all concurred on the vision to enhance maritime security within the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden region and spent the past few days chattering the course to fulfil Jeddah Amendment imperatives.



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Let us keep it in our mind that “Momentum begets Momentum”. A notion that outlines the significance of first action which creates progress and overcome inertia – a pathway to sustainable

To the Friends of DCoC and International Partners. This week I have learned that Tuna Fish is the fastest, long distance swimmer that migrate thousand of miles across oceans for feeding and breeding. What a perfect reminder that we are dealing with transnational threats that require our shift and well-coordinated efforts. Thanks for your continuous support and assistance. We will continue to align priorities and ensure effective implementation of the capacity building matrix.

To IMO Secretariat:

Your continuous excellence is remarkable. Your laborious efforts in producing zero drafts and streamlining activities, your swift summation of deliberations and outcomes and how you ensured smooth coordination of logistical arrangements; it is indeed impeccable. Well done to Mr. Kiruja Micheni, Ms. Winnie Maina & Ms. Esther Kung'u. Also, great appreciation to the Facilitator Brig. Gen (Rtd) John Waweru for steering the ship.

Last but not least;

To Major Jamal and Major Hinga;

What an enchanting voyage. You did not only ensure smooth transition between segment but enraptured the participants. Your salutations provided warmth and comfort. You bedazzled our minds and galvanised us. Your exhilarating persona has already created nostalgia. Mombasa is a must return to destination. However, I am looking forward to see you gowning the white uniform.
