

Meeting of Djibouti Code of Conduct/Jeddah Amendment National Focal Points

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Record of the Meeting

1 A meeting of National Focal Points (NFP) of the Signatory States to the Code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden (DCoC), the Signatory States to the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017 (DCoC(J)), and States eligible to sign these instruments was held at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London on 21 June 2018. The meeting was convened to follow up on some of the key recommendations of the High Level Workshop on the Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017 held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 7 to 9 May 2018 (the Jeddah Meeting).

2 The meeting was chaired by Mr. Chris Trelawny, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Maritime Security and Facilitation.

3 It was attended by delegations from the following States:

FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA
JORDAN	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
KENYA	UNITED REPUBLIC OF
MADAGASCAR	TANZANIA
SAUDI ARABIA	YEMEN
SEYCHELLES	

by observer from the following State:

NIGERIA

And by a representatives of IMO Technical Cooperation Division.

MEETING SUMMARY

4 Welcome/General comments

In his opening remarks, the chair welcomed participants and observers and highlighted some of the key observations made during the Jeddah Meeting, as summarised below:

- The DCoC and DCoC(J) are both agreements by the signatory States to take action at national and regional level. They are commitments rather than programmes. As such, there is no competition between DCoC(J) and regional initiatives, for example those of the Indian Ocean Commission, MASE, European Union, and others, all of which can contribute towards helping sovereign signatory States to meet their objectives.
- The DCoC(J) is essentially a restatement of the salient points of a number of international instruments referred to in the preamble paragraphs to the Code, that collectively set out a strategy for improving maritime security as an enabler for maritime development and meeting sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- There is a need to build a solid foundation at national level as the basis for stronger regional cooperation.

- Given that the scope of the DCoC(J) is wider than that of the DCoC, there is a need re-examine the NFP network to ensure that it addresses the wider security and law enforcement issues beyond piracy and contributes to strengthening the DCoC Information Sharing Network.

5. Summary of key priorities from the Jeddah meeting

Mr Kiruja Micheni, IMO, presented a brief summary of some of the key priorities identified at the Jeddah Meeting as below:

5.1 National level

- The implementation of provisions of the DCoC(J) must be based on solid foundation at national level. The Code therefore envisages uniform implementation at national level as the basis for effective regional cooperation and to ensure that no country is left behind; and identifies priorities to be implemented at national level which include:
 - Developing and implementing a national maritime strategy to address 'sea blindness' and promote sustainable maritime development;
 - developing and implementing a national maritime security strategy to underpin the maritime strategy;
 - the establishment of a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary national maritime security and facilitation committee;
 - ensuring that the NFP network is developed to represent a whole-of-government approach (beyond the traditional transport focus);
 - establishing national maritime information sharing centres (NMIC) with a view to enhancing coordination and information sharing at national level; and
 - implementing a national programme to integrate existing and planned maritime tracking and information systems in order to develop a comprehensive integrated maritime awareness picture (IMAP) linked to the NMIC;

5.2 Regional Actions

- strengthening the existing information sharing network by incorporating the NMICs and enhancing existing DCoC information sharing centres to meet the objectives of the wider DCoC(J);
- developing and agreeing on common standard operating procedures (SOPs) and incident reporting formats to promote interoperability;
- strengthening coordination of regional capacity building efforts by working with regional CB initiatives to achieve greater synergy and maximise input of donors and implementing partners;
- consider the establishment of a DCoC expert advisory group made up of organisations committed to supporting the implementation of the DCoC The Advisory Group could act as the DCoC interface between NFPs, IMO Secretariat and other implementing partners.

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6 National Focal Points

- Specific reference was made to paragraph 18 of the outcome of the Jeddah Meeting which states:

“Agreed to reconstitute and strengthen the position of DCoC National Focal Points (NFP) in due course, by ensuring it is in line with the proposals of the Jeddah Amendments to the DCoC that:

- *NFPs should be nominated by relevant national organisations that the individuals represent.*
 - *NFPs should be a member of the national maritime security and facilitation committee and the single representative of whole of Government. This will ensure effective two-way communication between the national maritime security and facilitation committee and regional and international partners.*
 - *NFP should have the mandate to represent their country in regional and international meetings.*
 - *The contact details of NFP should be publicly available at all times and any changes communicated to the NFP network instantly”.*
- Ideally the NFP should have a governmental email address and phone number, which will not change, personal emails and phone numbers should only be used if absolutely necessary.
 - National organization is critical, especially the establishment of national maritime security and facilitation committees or similar arrangements in order to promote a whole-of-government approach, as demonstrated in the IMO programme of table-top exercises.
 - NFPs should be members of the national maritime security and facilitation committees and should facilitate communication at three distinct levels:
 - Nationally between all agencies with a stake in maritime security and maritime law enforcement;
 - Regionally to improve two way communication of information between other Signatory States’ national maritime security and facilitation committees; and
 - As the liaison with donors and development partners to communicate actual needs and ensure that assistance received is appropriate and not duplicated.
 - The IMO Secretariat is committed to organizing more regular meetings of signatory States including in the side-lines of IMO meetings and regional meetings.
 - As requested by participating States, IMO will organise a training workshop for all DCoC NFPs as soon as possible.
 - Signatory States that have not confirmed the designation of their NFPs were requested to do so as soon as possible by completing the information sheet provided.
 - We need to communicate the good work and achievements of participating States towards the implementation of the DCoC and DCoC(J).

7 Updated information from participants

Some participants provided feedback on their achievements in the implementation of key priorities thus far. This was based on an information sheet provided by IMO ahead of the meeting. (See annex 1). The questionnaire will be used by the IMO Secretariat to identify capacity building needs and to update the NFP Contact details. The following have already submitted the completed questionnaire: Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, and South Africa. The following updates were presented:

Kenya

- Kenya has made amendments to its legislation to support a whole of government approach in dealing with maritime issues, including establishment of a coastguard function.
- The country has also established a Joint Operations Centre (JOC) which captures a whole of government approach on information sharing on maritime security. It is made up of all relevant agencies that have a role on maritime security. The aim is to reduce the reaction time to incidences and enhance collaboration between agencies.
- The country has also developed standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the Port Border Management Committee under which the Joint Operation Centre operates. The JOC will serve as the National Maritime Information Sharing Centre
- Kenya is in the process of developing an integrated maritime policy as well as a national maritime security strategy.
- Requested for technical assistance from partners and donor agencies in developing capacity for operationalizing the National Maritime Information Sharing Centre.

Madagascar

- Conformed that a DCoC NFP is in place as per requirements of DCoC(J). The designated official is Mr. Joseph AMADE, Deputy General Director of APMF, Telephone: +261321125751, Email : josephamade@gmail.com.
- Process of establishing a National maritime strategy and National Maritime Security Strategy is ongoing. National decree on Maritime Transport security has been adopted on February 12, 2018. Implementation will be co-lead by Ministry of National Defence and Ministry of Transport
- Process of establishing a multi-disciplinary national maritime security and facilitation committee is ongoing.
- Madagascar's National Maritime Information Centre/Joint MOC to promote info sharing at national level is in place and functional.

United Republic of Tanzania

- The united Republic of Tanzania has designated a DCoC/DCOC(J) National Focal Point taking into consideration the requirement of DCoC(J). The designated NFP is Ms. Stella Katondo Email stella.katondo@uchukuzi.go.tz

- The process of establishing a National Maritime Strategy and the National Maritime Security strategy are in consideration. However, the country is keen to ensure that relevant policies are in place to support the initiative.
- A National Maritime Information Centre is not yet in place.
- A Tanzania National Maritime Security Committee is in place
- Requested IMO to organise a regional seminar for DCoC(J) NFPs to ensure that all operate on the same page.

South Africa

- South Africa confirmed the DCoC/DCoC(J) National Focal Point as Mr Metse Ralephenya from the National Department of Transport. Email: ralephem@dot.gov.za
- South Africa's National Maritime Strategy is currently going through the approval stages and the National Maritime Security Strategy exists
- South Africa has a multi-disciplinary national maritime security facilitation committee with the Transport Ministry as the focal point.
- South Africa uses the MRCC as a Maritime Information sharing Centre.

United Arab Emirates

- UAE has designated a DCoC/DCoC(J) National Focal Point. It is Engineer Hessa Bint Ahmed Al Malek, the Executive Director, Maritime Federal Transport Authority. Email: hessa.almalek@fta.gov.ae
- A draft UAE National Maritime Strategy has been established and is currently going through the approval processes.
- UAE National Maritime Security Strategy in place.
- The National Maritime Security Committee was established way back in 2009.
- The National Information Centre is in place and fully function.
- The UAE delegate presented a most impressive record of achievement following which the country was requested to share some of the experiences and best practices for the benefit of the region, in line with the objectives of the code of conduct. The matter will be followed up by IMO on behalf of the signatory States.

8. Conclusion

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking the participants for their contribution and reminded those that had not submitted updated NFP contact details to do so at the earliest opportunity.

ANNEXES

Annex 1 – Information Sheet for NFP Briefings

Annex 2 – List of participants

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Purpose

A meeting of DCoC/Jeddah Amendment National Focal Points will take place in the margins of the Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC), IMO HQ, London, UK, on date and time to be notified between 18/06/2018 - 22/06/2018. The aim of the meeting will be to follow up on some of the key recommendations of the High Level Workshop on the Implementation of the DCoC/Jeddah Amendments to DCoC held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 7-9 May 2018.

This information sheet is intended to assist NFPs in providing an update on the current status in the implementation of identified priorities with a view to identify gaps, opportunities and ultimately, capacity building priorities.

Format

Each signatory State will have 2-3 minutes to short briefing addressing the following priorities:

Structure of Briefing/ Areas to Address

COMMITMENT	AREAS OF CAPABILITY	CURRENT STATUS	GAPS/DISFUNCTIONS
Strengthen the position of DCoC National Focal Points (NFP)	to be representative of 'whole of government' in line with the objectives of the Jeddah Amendment to the DCoC	If yes, please indicate contact details of the NFP	
National maritime strategy	for the development of the maritime sector		
National Maritime Security Strategy	Safeguard maritime trade from unlawful acts; support to maritime economy		
To establish a multi-disciplinary national maritime security and facilitation committee	Mechanism for interagency cooperation in dealing with maritime security issues		
NMIC	Establishment of a National Maritime Information Centre/Joint MOC to promote info sharing at national level		

Written Input

In addition to a verbal presentation during the meeting, briefing notes will be particularly useful. In addition, signatory States are encouraged to include any other relevant information regarding ongoing and planned developments. Please send any written briefing notes addressing the above questions to Kiruja Micheni KMicheni@imo.org.

Further questions

Should you have further questions on the objectives, content and structure of the Member State Briefings, please contact Kiruja Micheni KMicheni@imo.org

Annex 2 – List of Participants

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