

**HIGH-LEVEL WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
JEDDAH AMENDMENT TO THE DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT 2017**

**JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA
23 to 25 APRIL 2019**

RECORD OF THE MEETING

1 The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO"), pursuant to the request of 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 (the Djibouti Code of conduct), the Signatory States to the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Jeddah Amendment"), and States eligible to sign these instruments (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants"), convened a High-level workshop with the theme of "Addressing Maritime Security Challenges Through Regional Cooperation within the context of the Jeddah Amendment (hereinafter referred to as "the workshop").

2 The workshop, which was hosted by the Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, by kind permission of HRH Prince AbdulAziz bin Saud bin Naif bin AbdulAziz, Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, took place at the Mohammed bin Naif Academy for Maritime Science and Security Studies in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 23 to 25 April 2019.

3 The Workshop was attended by delegations from the following States:

COMOROS	SAUDI ARABIA
DJIBOUTI	SEYCHELLES
ETHIOPIA	SOMALIA
JORDAN	SOUTH AFRICA
KENYA	SUDAN
MADAGASCAR	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
MALDIVES	UNITED REPUBLIC OF
MAURITIUS	TANZANIA
MOZAMBIQUE	YEMEN
OMAN	

by observers from the following States:

DENMARK
UNITED KINGDOM
UNITED STATE

by representatives from the United Nations and the following United Nations bodies and programmes:

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

and by observers from the following intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations:

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)
INDIAN OCEAN COMMISSION
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION – INTERPOL
REGIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON COMBATING PIRACY AND
ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA INFORMATION SHARING CENTRE
(ReCAAP-ISC)
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)
UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
INSTITUTE OF SECURITY STUDIES
ONE EARTH FUTURE FOUNDATION

A list of Participants and observers is attached at Annex B.

4 The purpose of the Workshop was to help participants to share experiences and develop plans to enhance the existing regional information sharing network in order to meet the increased requirements of the Jeddah Amendment.

5 The Workshop was opened by Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Balawi, the Director General of the Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Mr. Chris Trelawny, the Chief, Sub-Division for Maritime Development, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO.

6 The Workshop elected Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Balawi, the Director General of the Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as its chair.

7 Following the opening speeches, the Workshop consisted of ten modules addressing aspects of the current regional framework, technical issues and the future of the Code. Modules featured presentations by Participants and observer delegations, open interactive discussions and detailed consideration in working groups. A detailed programme of events is at annex C. The opening and closing remarks are attached at Annex D.

8 The Workshop also included Participants and observer delegations visiting the Jeddah Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) and the new Jeddah Information Sharing Centre (ISC), receiving a demonstration of the ISC's capability to be a regional information sharing centre within the context of the DCoC and Jeddah Amendment. Participants also visited displays of security equipment developed by the Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as part of its innovation project. The Participants and observer delegations were most grateful for the opportunity to participate in these activities.

9 The Participants discussed and approved the conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop. The agreed conclusions and recommendations are at annex A.

10 In addition to the formal note of appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia included in the conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop, Participants and observer delegations expressed their appreciation to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and, in particular, the Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia led by Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Balawi, and his staff, for their commitment to the region, hospitality, generosity in funding and facilitating the Workshop and their ongoing support.

ANNEX A

AGREED CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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WORKSHOP COMMUNIQUE

1 The International Maritime Organization pursuant to the request of Signatory States to the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Jeddah Amendment"), and States eligible to sign these instruments (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants"), in conjunction with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, convened a High-level Workshop under the theme of *Addressing Maritime Security Challenges Through Regional Cooperation* within the context of the Jeddah Amendment.

2 The Participants and attendees from partner organizations, thanked the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), for organizing and hosting the Workshop at the Mohammed bin Naif Academy for Maritime Science and Security Studies in Jeddah; acknowledged the generous in kind support and hospitality extended by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the Workshop, as well as other amenities provided; and expressed its sincere gratitude to HRH Prince AbdulAziz bin Saud bin Naif bin AbdulAziz, Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Balawi, the Director General of the Border Guard, and his staff, for their continued commitment to enhancing maritime security throughout the region.

3 The Participants appreciated the achievements of the region since the signing of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and the Jeddah Amendment in 2009 and 2017, respectively.

4 The Participants reaffirmed the commitments made under the Djibouti Code of Conduct and the Jeddah Amendment with respect to the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden Area.

5 The Participants recognized that regional success relies on the establishment of trust-based relationships between signatory States. National initiatives, including the establishment of multi-agency centres, are the foundation upon which regional maritime security should be built. Important factors to consider are the designation of a lead agency for maritime domain awareness within a national maritime security and facilitation committee; and ensuring that national legislation underpins national maritime and maritime security strategies.

6 The Participants agreed that there was an inherent need to enhance the existing regional information sharing network to meet the increased requirements of the Jeddah Amendment; as well as operational information, such an enhanced network would facilitate sharing of experience, national legislation, best and promising practices and national maritime and national maritime security strategies. The aim of the enhanced information

sharing network is to facilitate improved regional maritime security, law enforcement and governance capabilities in order to support maritime sector development and a sustainable blue economy, within the context of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

7 The Participants agreed that it was important to establish national information sharing centres in order to coordinate the activities of national agencies engaged in maritime security and maritime law enforcement, and to facilitate the activities of the national maritime security and facilitation committees envisaged in Article 3 of the Jeddah Amendment.

8 The Participants noted that while the regional information sharing centres detailed in Article 11 of the Jeddah Amendment had originally been intended to provide effective communications related to piracy and armed robbery against ships, some may be challenged to carry out this mission across the wider set of maritime crimes addressed under the Jeddah Amendment.

9 The Participants agreed that in order to improve the situation, a neutral assessment of the functions and capacity requirements of the three Djibouti Code of Conduct information sharing centres should be conducted, with a view to identifying any areas in need of capacity building assistance. In this regard, it was agreed that clarity was needed on what information needed to be shared, and how such information should be shared. In developing the terms of reference for the assessments, the views and operational requirements of signatory States should be taken into account. The report of the assessment should be shared with signatory States for discussion at a subsequent meeting in order to agree the way forward.

10 The Participants noted the report of Yemen that the Regional Maritime Information Sharing Centre in Sana'a was no longer operational and that it was the intention of the Government of Yemen to reestablish the ReMISC in Aden. In this regard the Participants requested assistance for Yemen to reestablish the ReMISC in Aden.

11 Notwithstanding Article 11 of the Jeddah Amendment, the Participants reaffirmed that signatory States were sovereign and were free to host, establish or make use of information sharing centres other than those established pursuant to the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

12 The Participants noted that some signatory States had requested to use the Jeddah Maritime Information Sharing Centre as a regional Centre. Similarly, signatory States acknowledged the contribution of the Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre (RMIFC) in Madagascar and the Regional Coordination and Operations Centre (RCOC) in the Seychelles.

13 The Participants noted that IMO will consult with national focal points with respect to future meetings.

14 The Participants welcomed the capacity building work of international organizations, including the International Maritime Organization, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and INTERPOL; the European Union; supporting Governments including the support of United States Africa Command (US AFRICOM); and non-governmental organizations, including the One Earth Future Foundation's Stable Seas project, the Institute for Security Studies, the SafeSeas network and the International Committee of the Red Cross' initiatives in the region, and invited other organizations to offer their assistance.

15 The Participants recognized the work of IMO in:

- .1 supporting implementation of the special measures to enhance maritime security as detailed in SOLAS Convention chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code;
- .2 supporting signatory States' maritime development and development of the sustainable blue economy;

and requested the Secretary-General of IMO to continue to support maritime capacity building in the region.

16 The Participants recognized the work of UNODC Maritime Crime Programme in supporting development of national law enforcement capability, including legislation, judicial training and operational training to counter transnational organized crime, piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity, and requested UNODC to continue to engage actively with signatory States under the auspices of the Jeddah Amendment.

17 The Participants considered a proposal to establish a "Friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct" mechanism to assist with capacity and capability building and avoid duplication of efforts. The Participants concluded that such a mechanism should comprise a list of subject matter experts and assistance providers on whom signatory States' national focal points can call for support in a wide range of areas. This mechanism may need to be regularly updated but will provide a regular first point of contact on technical issues. The "Friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct" should convene as far as practical within the sidelines of DCoC meetings. The draft Terms of Reference for the Friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct will be shared with National Focal Points for comments and subsequent approval.

18 The Participants agree to request IMO to seek donor support for the implementation of the Jeddah Amendment.

ANNEX B
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ANNEX C

PROGRAMME

**HIGH LEVEL WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JEDDAH AMENDMENT TO DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT 2017 - ADDRESSING MARITIME SECURITY CHALLENGES THROUGH REGIONAL COOPERATION, JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
23-25 APRIL 2019**

Objective: The workshop is intended for DCoC National Focal Points and senior officials with responsibility for Maritime Security and National Maritime Information Sharing Centres (NMIC)/Joint Maritime Operations Centres. It will bring together key international partners to share best practices, and to stimulate discussion with regional member States, leading to an agreed roadmap for the establishment and operationalization of Multi-Agency NMICs in each of the participating Member States, plans to enhance the DCoC information sharing network in line with the requirements of the Jeddah Amendment, and to consider ideas for the implementation of agreed priorities. The Workshop will also take stock of where the DCoC is today and the way forward in order to remain fit for purpose as a regional cooperation/coordination mechanism for maritime security and the fight against maritime crime as outlined in the Jeddah Amendment.

Attendees: DCoC/DCoC(J) participating States, IMO, UNODC, INTERPOL, US Coast Guard, NAVAF, EU CRIMARIO, ICRC, Danish Navy, MSCHOA, University of Copenhagen, Institute of Security Studies, One Earth Future

Facilitators: Jon Huggins and John Steed (Independent Maritime Consultants)

Speakers :

Vice Adm Awwad Al Balawi – Director General, KSA Border Guard

Mr. Chris Trelawny – Chief, Subdivision for Maritime Development, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO

HE. Mariam Awes – Somalia Minister of Ports & Marine Transport

Maj General Levi Mghalu – Commander, Kenyan Navy

Rear Admiral Jebriil Alhazmi, KSA Border Guard

Dr. Christian Bueger – Professor of International Relations, University of Copenhagen

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LCDR Jared Harlow – US AFRICOM

Mr. Aden Patrice Trudeau – International Committee of the Red Cross

Note: Most of the workshop modules will be delivered in panels with an introduction by the moderator with the objectives to be achieved and then brief remarks by each of the panellists leaving maximum time for debate. Should panellist wish to provide fuller copies of their presentations, as part of the reading packs and workshop documentation, they are more than welcome to do so in advance. These should be sent to Ms. Nyambura Kimani before the workshop.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
DAY ONE: REGIONAL FRAMEWORK			
Tuesday 23/04/2019	08:00–09:00	Arrival and Registration	Saudi Arabia Hosts
	09:00–10:00	Moderator Host Nation welcome address (KSA) Host Organization welcome address (IMO) Keynote Address–Regional Perspective	KSA Vice Admiral Awwad Al Balawi, KSA Border Guard Chris Trelawny, IMO Maj General Levi Mghalu
	10:00– 10:30	Introductions	KSA
	10:30– 11:00	Group Photograph/Coffee	All
	11:00 – 12:00	Introductory Module: Update on Implementation of DCoC(J) Moderator Update and follow up of developments following NFP meetings: Jeddah (May)	Jon Huggins Kiruja Micheni, Nyambura Kimani, IMO
	12:00 – 12:30	Break	
	12:30– 14:00	Module 1: The Nature of Maritime Crime Moderator (show the table of crime priorities agreed in Djibouti) - Transnational Maritime Crime (Keynote Address) - The Changing Nature of the Maritime Threat - Statistics and Trends - Convincing Policy Makers Outcome – Understanding regional	Dr. Christian Bueger Torval Vagdama - UNODC CAPT Antoine Colombier, EUNAVFOR Dr. Curtis Bell, OEF Dr. Timothy Walker ISS
	14:00–15:00	LunchBreak	All
	15:00– 16:00	Module 2: DCoC(J) – Unleashing the Potential Moderator - 10 years of DCoC cooperation – building on lessons learnt to achieve identified priorities under DCoC(J) - A regional perspective on capacity building initiatives to counter maritime crime - a holistic approach - Coordination of implementation of DCoC(J)	John Steed Ms Joyce Awino, Kenya HE Mariam Awes – FGS Minister of Ports & Marine Transport Rear Admiral Jebriil Al Hazmi & Mohammed Al Magashi
	16:00–16:15	Break	
	16:15- 17:00	Visit to the Jeddah MRCC and Jeddah Maritime Information Sharing Centre	KSA

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
DAY TWO: TECHNICAL			
Wednesday 24/04/2019	09:00– 10:30	<p>Module 3: Programme Implementation and Coordination</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DCOC National Workshops to enhance Interagency Cooperation and Whole of Government Approach - Regional Perspective – Communications and Information Sharing - Working with Regional Centres <p><u>Outcome</u> – Stock-take on regional maritime</p>	<p>Jon Huggins</p> <p>Kiruja Micheni, IMO</p> <p>Ronny W Matatiken, RCOC</p> <p>Terry Gibson, UK MDA</p>
	10:30 – 11:00	Break	
	11:00 – 12:00	<p>Module 4: Cooperation Across Regional Programs</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MASE Cooperation & possibilities for a joint legal framework for information sharing - SHADE and CCRCs 	<p>Jon Huggins</p> <p>Admiral Cloup-Mandaville, EU CRIMARIO</p> <p>John Steed</p> <p>Tim King, Interpol & Toral Vagdama, UNODC,</p>
	12:00– 12:30	Break	All
	12:30– 14:00	<p>Module 5: Aligning International Support for Regional Maritime Security</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct (How will the “Friends” support DCOC(J) - INTERPOL - UNODC - IMO - AFRICOM/AMLEP - UKMTO - EUNAVFOR (MSC HoA) - ICRC <p><u>Outcome</u> - Coordinating donor support</p>	<p>John Steed,</p> <p>Dr. Christian Bueger</p> <p>Tim King</p> <p>Preben Hilliger</p> <p>Gisela Vieira</p> <p>LCDR Jared Harlow</p> <p>Terry Gibson</p> <p>CAPT Colombier</p> <p>Aden Patrice Trudeau</p>
	14:00– 15:30	Lunch	All
	15:30– 17:00	Module 6: Working	

		WG1 – Working Group on Capacity Building and Training Coordination Why does capacity building need coordination ? What training will be provided under DCOC (focus info sharing/multi agency – not operational)	John Steed,
		WG 2 – Working Group on information sharing Information – Developing a “Quid pro Quo” National Centres Regional Centres International Partners	Jon Huggins

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MODERATOR
DAY THREE: FUTURE			
	09:00 – 09:30	Module 7: Feedback from Working Groups WG1 WG2	John Steed Jon Huggins
Thursday 25/04/2019	09:30– 12:00	Module 8: Implementing the Jeddah Amendment – Measuring Progress Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nation to Nation, Nation to Region, Region to Region, Region to International o Information flows and systems - Options for Measuring Performance and Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Plan for what can be achieved and on what timeline o Outside assessment to determine if objectives are achieved 	John Steed/Jon Huggins Ronny Matatiken, RCOC Joyce Awino, Kenya CAPT Colombier, EUNAVFOR Terry Gibson, UK MDA Dr. Curtis Bell, OEF Dr. Christian Bueger Dr. Timothy Walker
	12:00– 12:30	Break	All

12:30– 14:00	Module 9: Agreeing on a Long Term Plan for the DCoC(J) Moderators - Building Strong Internal Foundations at National level - Strategic Relationships (IMO and other agencies) - Plan of action – MDA and information Sharing - Plan of action capacity building coordination - Long Term schedule (for next year – meetings, training, exercises, workshops)	Jon Huggins and John Steed
14:00– 15:30	Lunch	All
15:30- 16:30	Module 10: Summary of Recommendations Workshop Communique	Jon Huggins and John Steed Nyanbura Kimani
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Remarks: IMO KSA	Chris Trelawny Vice Admiral Awwad Al Balawi

ANNEX D

OPENING AND CLOSING REMARKS

**Opening Remarks by His Excellency, the Director General of Saudi Border
Guard
Mohammed Bin Naif Academy for Maritime Science and Security Studies,
Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
23-25 April, 2019**

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Praise and Gratitude be to Allah, The Lord of All Worlds, prayers and peace upon the most noble of the prophets and messengers; Prophet Mohamed and all his family and fellows.

Your Excellency the Representative of Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Mr Chris Trelawny.

Your excellences, the Heads of delegations and delegates of DCoC member States, observer States and international organizations.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Peace be upon you.

I would like to welcome all of you to your second country, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I wish all of you a pleasant stay in Jeddah, and that we shall have a most successful Workshop, and achieve all our targeted objectives.

Distinguished guests,

Your presence here today, is a clear demonstration of the commitment of your respective Governments, to work together in order to find long-term, sustainable solutions to the broad range of transnational maritime crimes in the region.

Organizing this Workshop, is upon an honoured approval from His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz Bin Saud Bin Naif bin Abdulaziz, the Minister of Interior, as part of ongoing contribution by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's in supporting to the ongoing regional and international efforts in building capacity to counter-piracy and other illicit activities that threaten safety and security of navigation in the West Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden

I would like to thank the IMO, for the organization's enduring support in promoting maritime security in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, particularly through its support for the implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to DCoC. IMO has been a distinguished partner in championing regional efforts that contributed most significantly in bringing about success in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in the region. Indeed, it is with great appreciation that we acknowledge the commitment of the organization and the unrelenting support. Please convey our gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Kitack Lim, the Secretary-General of IMO, for his unwavering support in championing regional States to take ownership of their regional problems and to find long term solutions for dealing with them.

Distinguished guests,

As you know, piracy and armed robbery at sea emanating off the coast of Somalia, had become a most serious threat to global shipping, until six years ago. Since then, a combination of actions by regional States, international organizations, international naval forces and self-protection measures by merchant shipping, succeeded in containing the threat.

Despite the gains made, maritime security threats continued to evolve. Since piracy had already become a highly sophisticated criminal enterprise, the criminal groups are able to regroup and engage in other illegal activities while they wait for the right conditions to hijack ships. Furthermore we do expect that as conditions continue to improve in Somalia, making it difficult for pirates to detain hijacked ships in its territory, the pirates may change tactics from hijacking ships for ransom purposes, to stealing cargo, particularly oil.

Distinguished guests,

While the region is also most concerned about other strategic threats such as terrorism against oil and gas installations and transportation systems; illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing; trafficking of drugs, weapons and people; illegal wildlife trade; we must also take seriously the threat to ships posed by emerging new threats particularly drones and boat borne IEDs, and cyber security. These problems undermine the value of a well-developed maritime sector and blue economy. To resolve them, a comprehensive and sustainable solution is required.

Distinguished guests,

By adopting the Jeddah Amendment in January, 2017, the region sought a long term comprehensive solution that would also address those strategic threats. The region was conscious that without security at sea, we cannot develop our maritime economies. We must all be cognizant of need to address root causes of piracy and other crimes, as guided by the Jeddah Amendment. If we just focus on addressing symptoms, the region will not get where it wants and needs to be; and our visions of a well-developed maritime sector and blue economy, within the context of Sustainable Development Goals and the prevention of violent extremism, will not be realized.

Distinguished guests,

Through our shared values and commitments as articulated in the Jeddah Amendment, we can address the region's maritime wealth and sea blindness. We must work harder in sensitizing our Governments to understand that the maritime domain has very significant value. This calls for a common and full understanding and appreciation of what is and in our maritime domain, in order to exploit its maximum sustainable economic potential. Article 3 of the Jeddah Amendment lays out very practical measures that will address most of the barriers that the region faces in developing its maritime economies – particularly, inadequate interagency cooperation and not applying a whole of government approach in dealing with those issues. It was with that in mind that the region agreed on critical measures to be implemented at national level, by all participating States, so that no country is left behind.

Dear attendees,

We are aware that some National Focal Points still face challenges overcoming the lack of political will that may still exist in their countries. I would therefore like to request IMO to consider providing more technical assistance to sensitive decision makers at national level. It is very encouraging to note that, the region has come up with a very good plan for enhancing the DCoC information sharing network in order to meet the objectives of the Jeddah Amendment, with the focus now being on establishing of National Maritime Information Sharing Centers as the pillars for the regional information sharing network. Those centers will

also serve as MDA Centers for their respective countries, and determine what information should be shared at country level and what can be shared with the region.

Dear attendees,

We are most grateful for the support that the IMO and other partners, particularly UKMTO, MSCHOA, UK NMIC and US CUTLASS Express have provided thus far, and call for further assistance in developing the necessary procedures and protocols for ensuring an effective regional information sharing Centre. Later today, you will get an opportunity to visit the newly established Jeddah Maritime Information Sharing Centre that will serve as a regional Centre alongside the other DCoC Information Sharing Centres.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my gratitude to His Royal Highness the Minister of Interior, for the continuous support to enhance these efforts. My sincere gratitude, to the IMO and HE the Secretary General Dr. Kitack Lim, DCoC member States, observer States and international agencies attending this Workshop.

Allow me to confirm our immense interest to build on our existing excellent cooperation with the IMO in order to contribute more effectively in promoting peace and security in the region, and to achieve welfare and prosperity for all

I wish you all a most successful workshop and enjoyable time in Saudi Arabia.

Peace be upon you

**Opening address by Mr. Chris Trelawny,
Chief, Sub-Division for Maritime Development,
Technical Cooperation Division, International Maritime Organization**

Excellencies, Ministers, Admirals, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the great honour to respond to the welcoming address of Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Aradi Al-Balawi, the Head of the Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and it gives me great pleasure to do so on behalf of Mr. Kitack Lim, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, who regrets that he cannot be here today.

First of all, I would like to thank the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and in particular, His Excellency Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif bin Abdulaziz, Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; His Excellency Doctor Rumaih bin Mohammed Al-Rumaih, Chairman of the Public Transport Authority; and Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Aradi Al-Balawi and his team led by Maj General Talal Al-Shamrani, Rear Adm Ali Dahish and Rear Adm Jabreel Al Hazmi, for their unswerving personal support to the implementation of the Djibouti

Code of Conduct, for their generous provision of the Mohammed Bin Nayef Academy of Marine Science and Security Studies as a venue for training, and, of course, for so generously hosting this important meeting. The warm hospitality and excellent organization already received is testament to the generosity of spirit of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and bodes well for a successful meeting. Thank you.

As you are aware, the theme of this high-level workshop is “Addressing maritime security challenges through regional cooperation and goodwill”. Within this concept, the focus will be on enhancing the DCoC information sharing network to meet the requirements of the Jeddah Amendment, including the establishment of national maritime information sharing centres and/or joint maritime operations centres. The workshop will also take stock of where we are today and where we need to be in order to address the full range of maritime crimes referred to in the Jeddah Amendment. Vice Admiral Awwad has already eloquently explained the regional and international efforts to build capacity to counter piracy and other illicit activities that threaten the safety and security of navigation in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, and much of this workshop will build further on those themes. So, with your permission, I would like to focus on two key areas; the assistance available to signatory States; and the way forward outside of the operational sphere – in other words, what I will call “Maritime Development”.

It is hard to believe that fourteen years have gone by since ten countries from the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, supported by IMO, UNODC (Terrorism Prevention Branch), INTERPOL and others, met in Sana’a in April 2005, to discuss cooperation on maritime safety, security and protection of the marine environment. At that time, Somalia-based piracy was an emerging issue, UNODC had no “Maritime Crime Programme” and INTERPOL had only one maritime related project called “Bada”, which is Korean for water. Even ten years ago, when the Code of conduct to address piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia, better known as the “Djibouti Code of Conduct”, was signed in Djibouti on the 29 January 2009, piracy was rife, there was no Best Management Practice, no Internationally Recognized Transit Corridor, civil/military cooperation was in its early development, effective legal frameworks to prosecute pirates were non-existent, and IMO was pretty much the only UN agency addressing piracy. Today, the situation is completely different.

The Djibouti Code of Conduct established a firm basis for national and regional action with respect to countering piracy and armed robbery against ships, including through establishment of national focal points, the facilitation of capacity building, and transnational

coordination between the signatory States, other IMO Member States, United Nations entities and international partners. It is a success story.

The current situation of piracy having been successfully contained, with very few successful hijacks of major commercial ships since 2012, is not only testament to the success of the actions taken by signatory States to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, with the support of the assistance partners, but is also indicative of the potential of the regional approach both to address other threats and to contribute to wider maritime initiatives.

IMO is no longer the only show in town, as witnessed by the presence of a stellar array of workshop facilitators. The United Nations mantra is “delivering as one”. IMO’s Maritime Safety Division runs a vibrant technical cooperation programme for SOLAS chapter XI-2 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and counter piracy guidance; IMO Legal Division has primacy on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Treaties; and IMO Technical Cooperation Division is focused on wider Maritime Development. UNODC Maritime Crime Programme addresses wider issues of maritime law enforcement, development of legal frameworks, and countering transnational organized crime in the maritime domain. The Food and Agriculture Organization leads on development of fisheries, and so on. But the common denominator is you, the signatory States. As United Nations agencies, we work for you. You pay for us. Use us.

Of course, it is not just UN agencies that can help you reach your goals. INTERPOL now has many maritime programmes to assist your national law enforcement agencies; and the presence here of representatives of regional bodies, military organizations, non-governmental organizations, and distinguished academics, all keen to assist the signatory States, are what the military would call force multipliers. I would strongly urge you to consider their advice as you develop your ways forward.

So what is “Maritime Development” and why is it important? We live in challenging times. The population of the world exceeds 7 billion and is increasing. The populations of many developing States are set to double by 2050. In addition to population increase, the world today faces many, often related challenges: youth unemployment; poor infrastructure; climate change; threats to the environment; unsustainable exploitation of natural resources; threats to food security; societal threats posed by organized criminals and violent extremists; and instability leading to mass mixed migration. All of these threaten the cohesion of societies and impact on developing countries’ ability to trade and to grow.

To address these and other challenges, in September 2015, the 193 Member States of the United Nations unanimously adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including 17 Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs, and 169 related targets which

emphasize the need to consider the social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainable development simultaneously. The 2030 Agenda is supported by other UN strategies such as South-South Cooperation, as well as many forward-looking regional initiatives, including the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference and, of course, the Djibouti Code as amended here in Jeddah.

Although some may feel that the maritime contribution to many of the SDGs is peripheral, the truth is that the world relies on international shipping and benefits from its smooth operation, by which food, commodities, raw materials, energy and consumer goods are moved reliably and effectively around the globe at low cost. International shipping is central to the functioning of global trade.

As the SDGs will be implemented principally at the State level, IMO's Maritime Development programme seeks to help all Member States to develop and formulate innovative policies and strategies to respond to the needs of countries at the national, regional and global levels. This includes supporting the development of the national port and shipping sectors, promoting seafaring as a viable employment option for your youth, both male and female, and facilitating regional trade by sea to facilitate manufacturing, export of finished products rather than just raw materials, with resulting benefits including increased and sustainable employment opportunities ashore.

Ultimately, more efficient shipping, working in partnership with a port sector supported by governments, will be a major driver towards global stability and sustainable development for the good of all people.

Clearly, to address the maritime security challenges is critical. As UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said, "There will be no development without security, no security without development and we will not enjoy neither without universal respect for human rights". However, as focal points I would also call on you to promote full acceptance and implementation of important initiatives to enhance wider maritime development, for the good of us all.

Excellencies, Ministers, Admirals, Ladies and Gentlemen,

To finish, please let me take this opportunity to speak about the World Maritime Day theme for 2019 - "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community".

This theme provides an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of gender equality, in line with SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, and to highlight the important contribution of women all over the world to the maritime sector.

IMO, through its Women in Maritime programme has worked over the last 31 years to enhance the contribution of women as key maritime stakeholders. In this regard, IMO has

facilitated the establishment of seven regional Women in Maritime Associations (WIMAs) around the world, including the Association for Women in the Maritime Sector in Eastern and Southern Africa region (WOMESA) established in Kenya in December 2007 and the Arab Women in Maritime Association that met in Alexandria last week. IMO remains committed to empowering women in the maritime community and the importance of getting “all hands on deck”, both male and female, for the maritime world to continue to carry the world’s goods in a clean safe and efficient manner.

Excellencies, Ministers, Admirals, Ladies and gentlemen, you have a busy agenda before you. I would therefore close by wishing you all a fruitful discussion and look forward to sustainable outcomes from this high-level workshop. I am confident that the exchange of ideas will make a positive contribution towards the objective we all share – to contribute to sustainable development and a thriving blue economy, enabled by good maritime security.

**Closing address by Mr. Chris Trelawny,
Chief, Sub-Division for Maritime Development,
Technical Cooperation Division, International Maritime Organization**

Excellencies, Ministers, Admirals, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to reiterate my thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and in particular, His Excellency Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif bin Abdulaziz, Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; His Excellency Doctor Rumaih bin Mohammed Al-Rumaih, Chairman of the Public Transport Authority; and Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Aradi Al-Balawi and his team led by Maj General Talal Al-Shamrani, Rear Adm Ali Dahish and Rear Adm Jabreel Al Hazmi, for their unswerving personal support to the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, for their generous provision of the Mohammed Bin Nayef Academy of Marine Science and Security Studies as a venue for training, and, of course, for so generously hosting this important meeting. Thank you again for your warmth and very generous hospitality.

As you are aware, the theme of this high-level workshop was “Addressing maritime security challenges through regional cooperation and goodwill”, with a focus will be on enhancing the DCoC information sharing network to meet the requirements of the Jeddah Amendment; the establishment of national maritime information sharing centres and/or joint maritime operations centres; and considering where we need to be in order to address the full range of maritime crimes referred to in the Jeddah Amendment.

Maritime trade is critical to our economies. We need to focus on the development of the maritime sector across the board - port infrastructure, trade facilitation, simplified procedures, efficient maritime transport as an enabler for regional trade, and manufacturing and processing of raw materials at home, with a consequent increase in the number of jobs, prosperity and ultimately, stability. This maritime development will be a significant factor in signatory States achieving the United Nations 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals. Full implementation of the Jeddah Amendment will also contribute to ensuring a sustainable blue economy. Good maritime security is the enabler for this – it is a means to an end, not the end in itself.

The challenge is that maritime security is looked at as a departmental issue – for the navy, the coast guard, or the maritime authority – with competition between those agencies for scarce resources, rather than being part of a national, multi-agency effort to develop the maritime sector. This joined-up approach is also needed at the regional level. Regional threats require regional solutions.

With this in mind, the Jeddah Amendment requires an inclusive, whole of Government approach to building a safe and secure maritime sector through “coast guard functions” - tasks mandated by the various maritime Conventions to which your States are parties. These include search and rescue; protection of the marine environment; energy supply security; maritime counter-terrorism; countering piracy; preventing illegal migration and other illicit activities at sea, such as the trafficking of drugs, weapons and people; and stopping illegal fishing.

The Code succeeds through cooperative efforts nationally. Where it underachieves, it is because national departments do not cooperate with a strong national focus and therefore regional efforts are also unsupported. Without cooperation, coordination and communication, regional cooperation will not be effective and I am pleased at the progress made in this Workshop.

But the need for cooperation, coordination and communication also applies at international level. As you are aware, IMO leads on maritime safety, security, protection of the marine environment and the efficiency of maritime transport. You are encouraged to make full use of our capacity building programmes, including those on ship and port facility security as outlined by Gisela. But you should also take full advantage of the opportunities offered by UNODC's Maritime Crime Programme, INTERPOL's maritime programmes; and the

assistance offered by the representatives of regional bodies, military organizations, non-governmental organizations, and distinguished academics, that have participated in this important Workshop.

I firmly believe that this Workshop has made a positive contribution towards the objective we all share – to contribute to sustainable development and a thriving blue economy, enabled by good maritime security.

Thank you.

**Closing Remarks by His Excellency, the Director General of Saudi Border Guard
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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Praise and Gratitude be to Allah, The Lord of All Worlds, prayers and peace upon the most noble of the prophets and messengers; Prophet Mohamed and all his family and fellows.

Your Excellency the Representative of Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Mr Chris Trelawny.

Your excellences, the Heads of delegations and delegates of DCoC member States, observer States and international organizations.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Peace be upon you.

I am very pleased with the successful conclusion of this High Level Workshop on the Implement Jeddah Amendments 2017 under the theme “addressing Maritime Security Challenges through Regional Cooperation”. I would like to thank all the participants for their effective contributions during the last three days. Without any doubt the workshop has had many positive outcomes, including the reaffirmation of our commitments to step up capacity building efforts to achieve maritime domain awareness through sharing of best practices, updating national legislations, sharing information, training and capacity building. The commitment by participating States to establish maritime strategies and facilitation committees underpinned by national legislation is of critical importance.

Your excellences, everyone recognizes the urgent need to promote the role of National Focal Point as well as to establish national information sharing centres. The establishment of effective national information sharing Centres in all the DCoC participating countries will form a strong foundation for the DCoC(J) information sharing network. This will go a long way in enhancing maritime security in the western Indian ocean and gulf of Aden and thus promote maritime development. We recognize the benefit that each national program can achieve through our collective plan of action to step up capacity building efforts to maritime security.

To our international partners, I would like to thank you for your continued support to the region. I believe that the commitment made during this workshop to ensure better coordination of efforts of donors and implementing partners will be hugely beneficial to the region. We are

most grateful to IMO for developing and maintaining such strong partnerships in the interest of regional States. Please keep up the excellent work of coordinating efforts to support the implementation of the Jeddah Amendment.

In this regard, I would like to refer you about the major role of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented in MOI,(Border Guard) through organizing the international training courses for the code states that will continue in cooperation with the international maritime organization IMO.

Ladies and gentlemen, so far two years have passed since signing Jeddah Amendments, 2017 that is now considered as one of the most successful regional model for regional cooperation. The framework provides an excellent model for regional capacity building and continues to motivate Participating States to exert outmost efforts and cooperate to address all the threats of maritime security in the region.

Therefore, I sensitize the International Maritime organization IMO and the DCoC(J) signatory States to get benefit of this experience and adopt it to be a specific international agreement to address all maritime crimes and terrorism to be internationally applicable and to contribute achieving the international navigation security and protect the international maritime economy.

Dear attendees, during the workshop, we have reviewed a number of acts of maritime terrorism committed against international shipping. Such cowardly acts carried out in various ways including through use of boat borne IEDs, drones and UAV targeting navigation security and critical maritime infrastructures pose serious threats to maritime security. The actions of the terrorist groups and militias carrying them out as well as those that support such groups must be condemned. They not only pose threat to safety and security of navigation but also compromise our efforts to achieve sustainable maritime development and blue economy.

In conclusion of this Worksop, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz Bin Saud Bin Naif bin Abdulaziz, the Minister of Interior, for His ongoing support to achieve the regional maritime security. I would like to thank HE the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Dr Kitack Lim and for excellences and heads, members of delegations and all participants. Also I would like to thank all who contributed in organizing this workshop including committees, secretaries, interpreters and media. I wish you all safe journeys back home and successful implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to DCoC 2017.