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REMARKS BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT MR LISA MANGCU ON THE OCCASION OF TO THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JEDDAH AMENDMENT TO THE DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
24 OCTOBER 2023 @ 18h30 for 19h00**

- **Master of Ceremony: Ms Phyllis Difeto,**
- **Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, Maldives, Ms. Aishath Nahula**
- **Deputy Minister: Department of Ports and Maritime Affairs, Yemen, Mr. Ali Mohammed Al-Subhi,**
- **DDG: Maritime, Mr Mthunzi Madiya**
- **Chair of the Steering Committee of Djibouti Code of Conduct – Jeddah Amendment, Saudi Arabia represented by Rear Admiral Naji Al-Juhani**
- **EU Ambassador to South Africa, H.E Ambassador Sandra Kramer**

- **Principal Secretaries**
- **Heads of Delegation**
- **Delegates of respective countries, International Organizations and Affiliated Partners**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Dumelang, Sanibonani, Goieenaand! to all delegates herein the Port City of Cape Town. A warm welcome in our beautiful country South Africa.

Djibouti Code of Conduct-Jeddah Amendment main objectives is for Governments to actively repress piracy and armed robbery against ships at sea by adopting measures on capacity building, investigation and reporting of incidents, bringing alleged perpetrators to justice in accordance to international law and adopting national legislation appropriate to suppress piracy and armed robbery at sea.

Cooperation and regional collaboration on the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct is what brings us here tonight. to appreciate the work that is being taken by each and everyone of us herein in the governance structure, signatory members and our dear friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct. Critical to our interface is the coordination of our activities towards illicit and

unlawful crimes at sea as multi-party approach, development of the clear protocols on information sharing in our networks are critical to ensure that we are all on the same page to curb the threat of maritime security threats in the region and while at it, promote global trade and a major contribution to our economies. We can all agree that we cannot afford to lose the traffic on our shores because of piracy or any other illicit activity, hence we all must secure our territorial waters as a collective.

The Djibouti Code of Conduct implementation as the focus area for this gathering requires that we all start working towards implementation of the action plan agenda as outlined in the resolutions of the past high level meeting, ensure that there is mutual synergy, mitigation strategies guided by the regional maritime security strategies, discussions to operationalise and ensure safe movement of goods is critical in the times where we see many changes in the geo-political dynamics around the world.

Maritime terrorism cannot be the norm in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden under our watch. The roadmap framework and discussions that have been part of the high level to drive the regional multi-party coordination with respect to seeking solutions in maritime security threats are critical as a building thread to enhance regional cooperation and the information sharing centres

that are expected to come into one centre is what we should strive to achieve.

Let me appreciate the work that has been done in terms of different capacity building initiatives to ensure the capability of our maritime work force and continuous improvement in the area of maritime security to curb elements of trans-national organised crimes in the maritime domain.

Ladies and Gentleman,

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen.

The learned man once said “Life’s roughest storms prove the strengths of our anchors”, and I have a strong believe that the scourge of piracy is one such ‘storm’ and together we shall overcome!

Thank you for your participation (of course, until Thursday!) and I hope this evening will continue to forge good networking relations that will see States advance the resolutions including standard operating procedures you will reach on Thursday.

To the organising team, we thank you for the efforts to put this together! And to the broader maritime security participants for gracing our South African shores with your presence, thank you. Our appreciation to the International Maritime Organisation and Djibouti Code of Conduct for recognising South Africa as a maritime nation and I hope we are good hosts. I hope that you will

develop resolutions that take us a step ahead to advance work of the DCoC-Jeddah Amendment and a good evening.

THANK YOU!

Information Sharing:

As South Africa, Information sharing with members on the security breaches along the western Indian Region is continuous and key factor in implementation strategy, and more especially in the fight against human and drug trafficking and vessels of interest (through their suspicious behavior) are key elements. We are fortunate this far as South Africa because we have not experienced actual elements of piracy against ships in our territorial waters.

Capacity Building:

South Africa Capacity building wherein the South African Navy has offered training to Mozambican Naval forces. In addition to that, South African also offered capacity building initiatives to the DCoC through the Djibouti Training Centre which seeks to improve member State capability to fight the attacks against ships.

South Africans were trained in conducting and implementing the ISPS Code, which took place here in Cape Town in 2022. The target for training were Port Security Officers to enhance their ISPS implementation capability and we have seen improvement with respect to maritime security breaches in South African ports. We have also agreed with DCoC to train South Africans to conduct Port Security Audits and we are looking forward to that.

