



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATE DEPARTMENT OF SHIPPING AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

Talking Notes: Maritime Coordination Group – 25th April 2024

1. Purpose of the Maritime Coordination Group (MCG)

The primary aim of the MCG is to establish a common platform through which partners support can be efficiently channeled, thereby minimizing duplicity and maximizing the impact of collaborative efforts in maritime security. This platform serves as a centralized hub for coordination, ensuring that resources and assistance is strategically allocated to where most needed, ultimately enhancing effectiveness and efficiency.

2. Our Commitment:

Kenya deeply values the fruitful collaboration with all partners present. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to supporting initiatives and recognizing that our mutual success hinges on collective effort. We pledge to continually engage relevant government entities to ensure a unified front, minimizing inefficiencies stemming from disjointed programs. Furthermore, we are dedicated to have an active National Maritime Security Committee and its sub-committees, alongside advancing the development of the National Maritime Security Strategy. A meeting to draw up the road map for the Strategy has been scheduled for the second week of May.

3. Areas of Cooperation:

Kenya's dedication lies in the detection, mitigation, and deterrence of illicit maritime activities, with a strong emphasis on ensuring accountability through legal processes. We eagerly welcome assistance in training, particularly regarding international best practices and capacity building in prosecuting maritime crimes. Harmonizing our efforts through targeted partnerships in this domain will undoubtedly yield significant strides forward.

4. Closing Remarks:

Extend heartfelt appreciation to the MCG Secretariat and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for their invaluable contributions. Their partnership has been instrumental in the development of Kenya's national Maritime Risk Register, which serves as the cornerstone for the development of the National Maritime Security Strategy. The Strategy forms the essential foundation upon which we will build our comprehensive approach to maritime security.

Express gratitude to the MCG for dedicating their time to travel to Mombasa for this meeting.

Lastly, appreciation goes to the Kenya Maritime Authority for their gracious hospitality as hosts. We look forward to continued collaboration and the shared advancement of maritime security objectives.