

## **DCoC Update: Recap of the Dubai and Jeddah Meetings and a Call to Put Agreed Resolutions into Action**

I want to begin by congratulating all the signatory States for the remarkable progress we have achieved in shaping the most dynamic maritime security coordination mechanism for the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden. Your commitment and dedication have truly set us on the path to enhanced maritime security and regional stability.

Let me provide an overview of the key outcomes from the Dubai and Jeddah meetings and emphasize the need to put our agreed resolutions into action.

### **Dubai High-Level Meeting Resolutions (28-30 June 2022):**

**Resolution One** – Implementation of the Strategy and Roadmap for the Enhancement of the DCoC(JA) Information Sharing Network: The Dubai meeting laid the groundwork for an improved information sharing network. This resolution outlined a clear strategy and roadmap, setting the stage for more effective collaboration.

**Resolution Two** – Presentation and Approval of the Capacity Building Matrix: The Capacity Building Matrix presented in Dubai is a vital tool for our collective development. It ensures that we have the necessary resources and knowledge to address maritime security challenges comprehensively.

**Resolution Three** – Enhancing Regional Capability Through the DCoC Trust Fund: Recognizing the importance of a regional capability, this resolution paves the way for a stronger, more secure maritime environment.

**Resolution Four** – Recognizing the Evolving Maritime Challenges and Security Priorities: The Dubai meeting addressed the changing nature of maritime challenges, emphasizing the need for a dynamic response and international support.

## **Jeddah High-Level Meeting (22-24 November 2022):**

Building upon the Dubai meeting, Jeddah witnessed further progress with two key resolutions:

**Resolution 1 on Enhancement of the DCOC/JA Information Sharing Network:** This resolution redefined the mission and vision of our Information Sharing Network (ISN). It provided clear directions on the development of national maritime information sharing centers, data to be shared, and our broader goals.

**Resolution 2 on Responding to Evolving Maritime Challenges:** Jeddah reaffirmed the resolutions adopted in Dubai (Resolution Two and Three) and expanded upon them. It emphasized the significance of addressing evolving maritime challenges and security priorities, thereby supporting the maritime development and sustainable goals of our signatory states.

We've maintained a sustained momentum with several meetings of Working Group 1, Working Group 2, and the Steering Committee. I must say that the collective commitment demonstrated by the signatory States and some of our partners is truly bringing about transformational change in dealing with maritime security challenges in the region.

As we gather for the 6th High-Level Meeting, let us remember that our progress is not confined to meeting rooms and resolutions. Concrete action is the key. We must now take these agreements and translate them into tangible results. Our commitment, hard work, and unity will determine our success in achieving a safer and more prosperous maritime environment.