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Enhancing Capacity Building Coordination in the

DCoC Region by establishing thematic sub working group

ports and ships security and protection of the coastal installations.

Distinguished Colleagues, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

I am honored to stand before you today as we discuss a critical theme that demands our collective attention and concerted efforts—the enhancement of capacity building coordination within our working groups, particularly the requirement of port and ship security, and the protection of coastal installations.

As we gather here, it is crucial to remember that the foundation for this theme was laid during the high-level meeting in Cape Town. It was at that pivotal moment that we acknowledged the urgent need for a robust framework to address the emerging threats in the DCoC region. Today, we reaffirm our commitment to this cause and set our sights on a way forward.

The Current Landscape of Maritime Security

Our maritime domain faces a plethora of challenges that threaten not only the safety of our ports and ships but also the stability and prosperity of our coastal regions. The resurfacing of piracy, the scourge of human trafficking, and the alarming rise of missile and drone attacks are stark reminders of the evolving threats we must contend with. These threats are not static; they are dynamic, sophisticated, and relentless. Therefore, our response must be equally dynamic, well-coordinated, and comprehensive.

The Imperative for Enhanced Capacity Building



To effectively counter these threats, we must prioritize the training and capacity building of our personnel. This involves equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of modern maritime security threats.

In this context, the basic International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code serves as a cornerstone. It provides a standardized framework that enhances security measures in ports and on ships, ensuring that we maintain vigilance and readiness at all times.

The Role of ports, ships security and protection of coastal installation thematic Sub Working Group

Our strategy hinges on the establishment and efficient functioning of this thematic sub working group will focus on key areas of capacity building of institutions and personnel involved in port and ship security, and the protection of coastal installations. By fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing within these subgroup, we can ensure a holistic and integrated approach to maritime security. This will enable us to address specific threats with targeted measures, while also ensuring that our overall security posture remains robust and adaptive.

Emerging Threats and Our Response

The emerging threats in the DCoC region—ranging from piracy and human trafficking to missile and drone attacks—demand a proactive and multifaceted response. This requires continuous training, intelligence sharing, and the development of innovative security measures. Our personnel must be equipped not only with the latest technological tools but also with a deep understanding of the strategies employed by adversaries. This will enable us to anticipate and neutralize threats before they materialize.

Conclusion



In conclusion, the enhancement of capacity building coordination within our working groups is not merely an option; it is an imperative. As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to this cause. Let us leverage the strengths of our thematic sub working groups to build a resilient and secure maritime domain. Together, we can ensure that our ports, ships, and coastal installations are safeguarded against the evolving threats that we face.

With that I would like to invite NFPS, friends of the DCOC and other institutions who are interested to join to contact the DCOC secretariat.

Thank you.