

Eighth High-Level Meeting on Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct

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Kenya's Proposal on Retention of the DCoC Steering Committee Members

Kenya recognizes and commends the good progress made to date under the current DCoC Steering Committee, whose collective leadership has steered the implementation of identified priorities under the Jeddah Amendments. The continued efforts, especially in information sharing, capacity-building and coordination mechanisms, and operational responses on the high seas, bear testament to a continuity, growing trust, and steady momentum that needs to be kept.

In this regard, Kenya proposes retaining the current members of the Steering Committee for an extra term to enable them to consolidate and complete the good work they have commenced, particularly in:

- 1. Finalizing and operationalizing the DCoC Engagement Strategy;
- 2. Overseeing implementation of outcomes from Working Groups 1, 2, and 3;
- 3. Deepening coordination with partners and regional centres; and
- 4. Ensuring institutional stability and effective transition to the next phase of the DCoC-JA framework.

This approach will ensure that institutional memory is secured and, equally, that there is continuity without disruption to the ongoing reforms and strategic initiatives that are currently underway. Kenya believes that stability in leadership at this juncture will enable the region to deliver tangible results and further entrench the DCoC as a cornerstone of maritime security cooperation in the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden region.

I thank you for your attention
