



DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT/JEDDAH AMENDMENT

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING No. 4

Virtual via Zoom

Tuesday 7 December 2021

Record of the Meeting

1. A meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017, was held virtually, via ZOOM on Tuesday 7 December 2021.

2. It was chaired by Major General Muhammed Abdullah Al-Shehri, Director General of Saudi Border Guard assisted by Rear Admiral Naji Al-Juhani. The following attended the meeting:

ETHIOPIA - Chair of Working Group 2 and SC Member

KENYA - Chair of Working Group 1 and SC Member

MADAGASCAR - Deputy Chair of Working Group 1 and SC Member

MOZAMBIQUE - Deputy Chair of Working Group 1 and SC Member

SAUDI ARABIA - Chair of the SC

SEYCHELLES - SC Member

and representatives of IMO as the Secretariat.

The full list of participants is highlighted as **Annex A**.

Aim

3. The aim of the meeting was to update the SC on the progress of the work being spearheaded by Working Group 1 on Information Sharing, Working Group 2 on Capacity Building Coordination, to seek SC approval of the respective work plans, and guidance on collaboration with the Friends of DCoC (FoDCoC).

Opening Remarks

4. After welcoming the participants, the chair added that the meeting was an opportunity to update on the progress made by the Working Groups for the betterment of maritime security across the region. He commended the efforts of the Working Groups in ensuring that the Jeddah Amendment is implemented effectively adding that he looked forward to continuous working with the Signatory States and the IMO. The opening remarks are highlighted as **Annex B**.

5. Making his opening remarks on behalf of IMO, Mr. Peter Adams, Head of Maritime Security Section, reminded the SC of its responsibility to provide strategic direction,

determine priorities and approve work plans to effectively steer the progress of the implementation of the DCOC/JA. He reiterated the support of the IMO in working with the DCOC/JA Signatory States and noted that he is looking forward to a greater 2022 as countries are starting to open up despite the COVID-19 Pandemic with two physical workshops have so far been held in November 2021. The opening remarks are highlighted as **Annex C**.

Agenda

6. The meeting adopted the agenda that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The agenda is highlighted as **Annex D**

Update from the Chairman of Working Group 1 on Development of strategy and roadmap for the enhancement of the DCoC/JA Info sharing Network.

7. Brigadier (Rtd) Loonena Naisho, (Kenya), Chair of WG1 noted that following the approval of the last Steering Committee held on 8 September 2021 and acceptance by IMO of the Signatory States' request for provision of a consultant to assist in developing an ISN Strategy and Roadmap, the work was since completed and the WG1 Members participated in the validation of the draft ISN Strategy and Roadmap on 3 November 2021. The recommendations and suggestions given were amended into the document and the draft ISN Strategy is tabled in this meeting and highlighted as **Annex E**

Action requested from Steering Committee

8. In light of this, the WG1 Chair, requested for approval of the ISN Draft Strategy and Roadmap as is tabled in the meeting. This will enable commencement of the Implementation phase by the Signatory States in accordance with the recommendations therein which align to the Jeddah Amendment.

9. Subject to the adoption of the strategy and roadmap for the DCoC ISN, members of the steering committee are hereby requested to champion the following areas, thus lead by example:

- a) Establishing of a National Maritime Security Committee structure which will oversee, the establishment, enhancement, and operations of NMISCs to piloting the conduct of capability assessments of own NMISCs to determines minimum capability requirements for information sharing centres; to determine capabilities and gaps and develop individual Signatory State's roadmaps to full operationalization of NMISCs.
- b) Give full support to the work of developing a strong DCoC ISN, to address the greatest concern "sea blindness". The enhancement of MDA in the region is critical and requires all to work together including in lobbying donors to contribute sufficient funding for this project through the DCoC Trust Fund

Update on request by India to make a presentation to WG1 on capability assessments

10. Following the recommendations at the Friends of DCoC Meeting where India requested to make a presentation to WG1 members on Information Sharing and the Indian Fusion Centre- Indian Ocean Region (IFC- IOR) the WG1 Chair and the Secretariat met the team from India on 1 December 2021 where a presentation was made focusing on how the developed DCoC ISN strategy would benefit from the IFC-IOR experience through collaboration in:

- Inter-linking with the existing NMISCs and Regional Information Sharing Maritime Centres through sharing of monthly updates.

- Joint Maritime Information Sharing Workshops which include tabletop exercises on maritime security issues.
- Exchange visit the IFC-IOR Centre in India to provide better interaction and form basis for collaboration.
- Training on MDA by the IFC-IOR Centre.
- Development of common National, Regional, and International multi-agency SOPs, for DCoC Signatory States

11. In conclusion, for clarity in the proposed relationship, it was observed that the IFC-IOR was agreeable going forward for the DCoC Member States to consider formulating a collaborative MoU on matters of Information Sharing and MDA as pertains white shipping.

Action requested from Steering Committee

- a) The Chair requested for concurrence from the SC that in principle that DCoC can commence collaborating with India. It is expected that more details will become available after India makes a presentation at the next WG1 meeting but so far, they have only indicated the following areas which India can also confirm when they are invited to make same presentation at the next meeting of WG1
- b) Acceptance that IFC-IOR to commence sharing of the monthly updates immediately with the DCoC.
- c) IFC- IOR to share details of planned workshops and any other capacity building initiatives with the DCoC, through the IMO Secretariat including the upcoming EU MDA and Interoperability workshop as invited by India

Update from the Chairman of Working Group 2 on Development and progress of the DCoC Capacity Building Coordination Matrix

11. Captain Getinet Abay(Ethiopia) , Chair of WG2 noted that the WG2 members met on 10 November 2021 and addressed various issues including progress of capacity building initiatives in the region, revamping of National Training Coordinators, leveraging on IMO's EU and RS projects which covers 15 out of the 20 DCoC Signatory States and for the Signatory States not in the projects, it was agreed they can request for technical assistance in the ISPS maritime security area for consideration by IMO.

12. The WG also agreed on the capacity building coordination matrix which shall be a good tool for identifying the gaps and priorities of the Signatory States and linking this to Implementing Partners for a more coordinated approach in provision of assistance in the Region as the assistance shall be driven by the needs of the Signatory States. The matrix was circulated to NFPS in November and the deadline for sending the feedback is 10 December 2021.

13. He informed the SC members that IMO has contracted upon WG2 request a Consultant to develop a Members only Portal on the DCoC Website where the Capacity Building Coordination Matrix shall be set together with other sensitive Signatory States' information.

Action Requested from Steering Committee

- a) To support WG2 in adopting and championing the capacity building coordination framework as developed with the assistance of IMO.
- b) To lead by example by being in the forefront in populating the matrix and rally other members to submit.

Update on Friends of the DCoC meeting and recommendations from the meeting held on 11 November 2021.

14. Ms. Nyambura Kimani, IMO noted that the Friends of DCoC Meeting was held on 11 November 2021 where the Friends of DCoC members were briefed on the DCoC, the Governance Structure- Steering Committee, WG1 and WG2 and the Friends of DCoC. The Friends of DCoC made some recommendations and noted they will provide the Secretariat with the agreed nomination for the Coordinator of the Friends of DCoC.

15. The friends were also updated on the ISN Strategy and asked to provide technical assistance through IMO. They were also briefed on the Capacity Building Coordination Matrix and informed that once it is ready, details of the gaps identified will be shared with the Friends of DCoC for coordination on provision of technical assistance and support through the Secretariat.

Action Requested from Steering Committee

- a) Grant an endorsement for nomination of a coordinator for the Friends of the DCoC.
- b) Take cognizance that WG2 is actively seeking support of partners in conducting the capability assessments.
- c) Direction on what information can be shared with the Friends of DCoC once the Capacity Building Coordination Matrix is complete.

Update on Whole of Government Approach to Maritime Security workshop and recommendation to submit a joint DCoC paper in the next MSC 105 on the collaboration of DCoC states in Implementing Article 3 of the Jeddah Amendment

16. Mr. Andrew Clarke, IMO, noted that following the completion of the overview of the IMO whole of Government approach to Maritime Security Workshop held in Djibouti from 22 to 25 November 2021, 23 participants from 11 Signatory States were trained on the development of National Maritime Security Committees, National Maritime Security Risk Registers, National Maritime Security Strategies and the need for a multi-agency approach in addressing the diverse maritime security risks and issues in the modern maritime environment. The training was delivered in line with Article 3 of the Jeddah Amendment on National Measures.

Action requested of the Steering Committee

- a) Guidance on the way forward on the recommendation given in the workshop to have the Signatory States develop a joint DCoC Paper at MSC 105 on the collaboration of DCoC States in Implementing Article 3 of the Jeddah Amendment and which state will be the lead in the document. Upon request IMO is available to offer guidance on the templates and timelines for the issuance of the paper (Deadlines for MSC 105: 18 January for documents more than 6 pages / 15 February for documents 6 pages or fewer). The Joint paper will be to underpin the importance of the whole of government approach in implementing Article 3 of the Jeddah Amendment.

DCoC Trust Fund - Resources mobilization

17. Captain Valmont, (Seychelles), highlighted that the last meeting of WG2 noted with pride the many achievements that the DCoC has made over the years but also raised concerns that although DCoC has now built a very strong foundation for championing efforts to enhance maritime security as an enabler to economic development, employment, and stability, making further progress is under threat because it no longer enjoys generous contributions to the trust fund.

18. During the last meeting of WG2, Yemen recommended that in addition to seeking donor support, there is also a need to also find regional solutions to our regional problems. Considering that there have been minimal contributions during the last three years, to consider Annual Voluntary Contributions to the DCoC Trust Fund by Signatory States to ensure continuity of important maritime security capacity development in the region.

Action Requested from Steering Committee

- a) Formally seek the support of IMO in reaching out to other IMO member States, and international organizations to support the work of the DCoC through contributions to the DCoC Trust Fund. The request should be included in the paper for MSC 105
- b) Steering Committee to deliberate on a recommendation received during the WG2 Meeting to consider Annual Voluntary Contributions to the DCoC Trust Fund by Signatory States to ensure sustainability of important maritime security capacity development in the region.
- c) Steering Committee to rally Signatory States to offer themselves to host workshops and trainings
- d) To acknowledge with appreciation the offer by KSA to sponsor a regional workshop on dealing with emerging new threats to maritime security and extending their support to the DCoC and,
- e) Steering Committee to approve leveraging on the input of the Friends of DCoC – strengthening relations between WG2 and Friends of DCoC.

Status of observers and what meeting observers can attend. Case in Question India

19. Captain (Navy) Jean Edmond, (Madagascar) noted that the Steering Committee meeting in 2020 approved the joining of India as an observer and since then there has been no discussion on what meetings observers can join as the terms of reference do not have this provision.

20. It is important to note that the role of observers is to observe the meetings and can only comment by invitation of the Chairman. He recommended that they could attend the WG 1 and 2 and the NFPs Meetings but not the SC as SC is for decision making.

Action Requesting Steering Committee

- a) Approval that Observers can join the WG and NFPs meetings and can only comment by invitation of the Chair.

Election of the next Steering Committee

21. Captain (Navy) Jean Edmond, (Madagascar) noted that in accordance with the TORs for the DCoC governance framework, the current Steering Committee term ends by the end of 2021 having been elected in the Mombasa High Level Meeting in 2019 for a term of 2 years. The elections are due and need to be considered at the next NFPs meeting.

Action Requesting Steering Committee

- a) To provide guidance on the way forward regarding the status and plans for the next elections.

Arrangements for the Next NFPs Meeting

22. It was noted that this is a session to agree on the next NFPs meeting and a probable host of the same.

23. Seychelles inquired on if the Secretariat has a tentative date so that they can consult on if they can host the same. It was noted the same was either end of January 2022 or Early February 2022. The NFPs will be consulted to agree on a date but preferably the first quarter. Seychelles noted January will not be conducive for them to host as they have confirmed for a National workshop under the EU Port Security Project.

Open Discussions

24. It was noted that there needs to be a clear distinction between observers and Friends of DCoC so that DCoC does not use the terms interchangeably. It was clarified that the relationship with an observer is closer than that of Friends of DCoC.

25. Clarification was sought on what happens when the term ends in December in the period before the elections and the NFPs meeting in 2022. It was noted that the SC remains in place until a new SC is elected.

Summary of Discussion and Way Forward

26. Having been updated on the progress made by both WG1 and 2, and all other items as discussed in the agenda, the meeting agreed as follows:

- a) The Draft ISN Strategy as tabled in the meeting has been approved and Signatory States can begin its Implementation as is recommended in the ISN Strategy.
- b) India to make a presentation on the IFC-IOR to WG1 Members but in the meantime collaboration with India can commence in the following areas;
 - IFC-IOR can commence sharing of the monthly updates immediately with the DCoC.
 - IFC-IOR to share details of planned workshops and any other capacity building initiatives with the DCoC, through the IMO Secretariat including the upcoming EU MDA and Interoperability workshop.
- c) The Steering Committee members commit to champion the Capacity Building Matrix and populate the template by 17 December 2021 and send the same to the Secretariat. The other Signatory States deadline was extended to end of December 2021.
- d) IMO is requested to assist WG1 and WG2 to actively seek technical assistance and support for capability assessments from Implementing partners and Friends of DCoC.

- e) IMO to follow up on the finalisation of the nomination of the Coordinator for the Friends of DCoC from the 3 expressions of interest received so far being USA, UK and Denmark who are still consulting nationally.
- f) DCoC to submit a joint document on the collaboration of the Signatory States in implementing Article 3 of the Jeddah Amendment to MSC 105. Saudi Arabia kindly agreed to be the lead sponsor of the document. IMO was requested for assistance on the process of submitting the paper and the timelines thereto.
- g) The document for MSC 105 will include a call for financial contributions to the DCoC Trust Fund from IMO Member States to mobilize resources at a wider level.
- h) Signatory States to consult in their countries and update on the Annual Voluntary Contributions and to provide this information to the Steering Committee.
- i) KSA confirmed they shall host the training on emerging Security Threats in February 2022 and confirmed their continued support to the DCoC.
- j) The Steering Committee gave approval for India to attend meetings of the two Working Groups, as well as NFPs meetings as an observer. The same will be communicated to India by the Secretariat, with a clarification that observers can only speak in meetings upon invitation by the Chair and are not eligible to vote.
- k) On elections of the Steering Committee Members, it was agreed that the same shall be tabled at the next NFPs meeting which will be held in 2022. It was approved that the Steering Committee stay in place until the next physical NFPs meeting where elections will be held.
- l) It was agreed that the next NFPs meeting can be scheduled for February 2022/ First Quarter 2022 and Seychelles can be considered as the host (Covid restrictions permitting).

Vote of thanks

27. Captain (Navy) Jean Edmond, Madagascar gave the vote of thanks and concluded the meeting by thanking every member for attending and wished them a safe stay and good health till the next meeting. The Chair thanked everyone for their input and wished everyone a safe stay till the next meeting. The Closing Remarks are highlighted as **Annex G**

28. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1245 hours EAT.

Annexes:

- Annex A- List of Participants
- Annex B- Chairman's Remarks KSA
- Annex C- Opening Remarks IMO
- Annex D- Agenda
- Annex E- ISN Strategy and Roadmap
- Annex F- Update on Working Group 1
- Annex G- Closing Remarks MADAGASCAR

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Annex B- Opening Remarks KSA



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Annex C- Opening Remarks IMO



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Annex D- AGENDA



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Annex E- ISN STRATEGY AND ROADMAP



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Annex F- UPDATE ON WORKING GROUP 1



Presentation by Chair
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Annex G- CLOSING REMARKS MADAGASCAR



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