



CLOSING REMARKS BY CHAIR OF DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT DURING THE 8TH HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JEDDAH AMENDMENT

Port Louis, Mauritius – Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA – MS. MASHUDU NEPFUMBADA

All Protocol observed;

The HLM is one of the avenues to implement DCoC/JA provisions. These highly-anticipated annual symposiums offer an opportunity for global Maritime Security role players to converge and deliberate on Maritime Security threats affecting merchant ships and seafarers along the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden.

Well, Ladies and Gentlemen;

The 8th HLM (Mauritius Meeting) has emerged as the watershed for the DCoC/JA. A pivotal moment wherein Member States, Friends of DCoC, International Partners and the Shipping Industry got a renewed approach in deliberating on maritime security matters within the region.

An approach cantered around delivering solution-oriented outcomes to the end-user; being the shipping industry and seafarers in this case. A reaffirmation to our ultimate objective of safe and secure shipping through implementation of effective maritime security measures.

A reminder that the 3-days deliberations must have an impact to others. We are serving the global shipping industry.

To the Mauritius Government;

What an honour it was for the Djibouti Code of Conduct Member States, Friends of the DCoC and International Partners to converge at Mauritius. A crucial maritime corridor for global trade and regional leader in Blue Economy

Thanks to the Government of Mauritius;

Notably the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries - **Dr. Hon. Arvin Boolell**

The entire team responsible for organising the 8th High-Level meeting on the implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

Special thanks the Mauritius DCoC National Focal Point – **Capt. Asiva Coopen**

The Island offered dry-dock to the DCoC vessel and provided much needed repairs, stores and provisions.

And whilst the vessel was at dry-dock, the Mauritius Government ensured that all crew and passengers indulge the best of Mauritian culture.

Indeed, **la mer, la musique, et l'ambiance**

Merci

To European Union

The DCoC action plan under the Safe Seas for Africa program has now gained momentum through the renewed approach to ensure effective implementation of set objectives. Member States appreciate the assistance which will ensure immediate translation of 8th HLM resolutions into tangible outputs. We have heard during the launch of the Crisis Response Project that EU's favourite word is = **RESULTS**

With such renewed commitment, there must be tangible results

To the Indian Ocean Commission

The call for collaboration, harmonised and streamlined maritime security efforts within the region as well as commitment to avoid duplication couldn't be more emphasized. Indeed, we are partners and collaboration is the only way to ensure deployment of efficient maritime security measures for safe and secure shipping.

To International Maritime Organization

Dr. Jose Matheickal – The lighthouse that navigated the DCoC vessel to the Dry-Dock. Your leadership harnessed the opportunity of the port call in Mauritius and assisted with; assessments of regulatory requirements, offered valuable insights on opportunities to grasp to ensure efficient safe and secure shipping. We are grateful for the guidelines offered throughout the HLM and we look forward to further enhancements prior hosting the next HLM.

To the DCoC Secretariat

Stellar performance!

To Friends of DCoC & International Partners

Valuable inputs and support!

To DCoC Member States & Most notably NFPs

Just like any other ship from dry-dock, the DCoC vessel is now structurally sound, seaworthy, and compliant with regulations. We are set to sail

To remain the premium forum for Maritime Security within the region, we must adapt to the conditions around us. Thanks for the cooperation throughout the HLM. To the DCoC Steering Committee, we have a mammoth task ahead together with DCoC Secretariat. With the support of IMO, Friends and partners, we will deliver.

Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen

Your participation and contributions during the 8th HLM is humbling and gladly appreciated.