REvised code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships, and illicit maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden area

Code de conduite révisé concernant la répression des actes de piraterie, des vols à main armée a l'encontre des navires et des activités maritimes illicites dans la région de l'océan indien occidental et du golfe d'Aden
RECORD OF THE MEETING

1 The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "Organization") convened, pursuant to the request of Signatory States to the Code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden (the Djibouti Code of conduct), a meeting to update and upgrade the aforementioned Code of conduct, which was hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and took place in Jeddah from 10 to 12 January 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Jeddah Meeting").

2 The Jeddah Meeting was attended by delegations from the following States:

   COMOROS       OMAN
   DJIBOUTI      SAUDI ARABIA
   ETHIOPIA      SEYCHELLES
   FRANCE        SOMALIA
   JORDAN        SOUTH AFRICA
   KENYA         UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
   MADAGASCAR    UNITED REPUBLIC OF
   MALDIVES      TANZANIA
   MAURITIUS     YEMEN
   MOZAMBIQUE

by observers from the following States:

   JAPAN           UNITED KINGDOM
   NORWAY          UNITED STATES

by representatives from the United Nations and the following United Nations bodies and programmes:

   UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

and by observers from the following intergovernmental organizations:

   EUROPEAN UNION (EU)
   INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION – INTERPOL
   EAST AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE

3 The purpose of the Jeddah Meeting was to consider and adopt the draft text of a revised instrument concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden which had been developed pursuant to the request of Signatory States to the Djibouti Code of conduct.

4 The Jeddah Meeting was opened by Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Aradi Al-Balawi, the Head of the Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Mr. Chris Trelawny, the Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the Organization.

5 The Jeddah Meeting was chaired by Vice Admiral Awwad Eid Al-Aradi Al-Balawi, the Head of the Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

6 The Jeddah Meeting considered the draft text of the instrument referred to in paragraph 3 above and adopted a Revised Code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden Area. The meeting recognized the significant developments made since the adoption on 29 January 2009, of the Djibouti Code of conduct, which provided a firm basis for the work of the meeting.
During the Jeddah Meeting, a range of views were expressed and discussed regarding activities to fight against transnational organized crime in the maritime domain, maritime terrorism, IUU fishing and other illegal activities at sea in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden Area.

The Jeddah Meeting, as a result of its deliberations, adopted:

Resolution 1 on ADOPTION OF THE REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT CONCERNING THE REPRESSION OF PIRACY, ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS AND ILLICIT MARITIME ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN AND THE GULF OF ADEN AREA

which is contained in attachment 1.

The Jeddah Meeting also adopted the following resolutions which are contained in attachment 2:

Resolution 2 on TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE
Resolution 3 on ENHANCING TRAINING IN THE REGION
Resolution 4 on EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

This record is established in a single original text in the Arabic, English and French languages, which is to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Organization.

The Secretary-General of the Organization shall send copies of this record with its attachments, and certified copies of the authentic text of the Code of conduct referred to in paragraph 8 above, to the Governments of the States invited to be represented at the Jeddah Meeting.

DONE in Jeddah this twelfth day of January two thousand and seventeen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, representatives of the delegations participating at the Jeddah Meeting, have signed this record.

Signed (signatures omitted) by Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, France, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen.
ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION 1

Adopted on 12 January 2017

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT CONCERNING THE REPRESSION OF PIRACY, ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS AND ILLICIT MARITIME ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN AND THE GULF OF ADEN AREA

The Jeddah Meeting,

RECALLING that the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO"), at its twenty-fifth regular session, adopted, on 27 November 2007, resolution A.1002(25) on Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia which, among other things, called upon Governments in the region to conclude, in cooperation with IMO, and implement, as soon as possible, a regional agreement to prevent, deter and suppress piracy and armed robbery against ships;

RECALLING FURTHER that this led to the development of the Code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden (the Djibouti Code of Conduct), adopted on 29 January 2009;

RECOGNIZING that the Djibouti Code of Conduct established a firm basis for national and regional action with respect to countering piracy and armed robbery against ships, including through establishment of national focal points, the facilitation of capacity building, and transnational coordination between the signatory States, other IMO Member States, United Nations entities and international partners;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct made a commendable contribution towards the international effort to repress piracy in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden;

RECOGNIZING ALSO the need to develop and revise the existing Djibouti Code of Conduct in view of increasing threats to maritime activities,

NOTING that the majority of the 20 signatory States to the Djibouti Code of Conduct had indicated their intention to build on the experience and success of the Djibouti Code of Conduct in countering piracy and armed robbery against ships by widening the scope of the Code to address other aspects of maritime security and maritime law enforcement;

CONSIDERING the experience of the 25 countries in West and central Africa that adopted the Code of Conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships, and illicit maritime activity in West and Central Africa; and

DESIRING to promote greater regional cooperation and thereby enhance their effectiveness in the prevention, interdiction, prosecution, and punishment of those persons engaging in piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity on the basis of mutual respect for the sovereignty, sovereign rights, sovereign equality, jurisdiction, and territorial integrity of States;
ADOPTS the Revised Code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden Area (hereinafter referred to as "the Code of conduct"), as contained in the annex;

URGES Participating Governments to:

.1 implement the provisions of the Code of conduct; and

.2 within five years of the effective date of this Code of conduct, and having established national maritime security and facilitation committees and designated the national focal points referred to in Article 11, the Participants intend to consult, with the assistance of IMO, on the merit of developing a binding agreement;

.3 engage in regular consultations with each other and with IMO to review the implementation of this Code of conduct;

AGREES to refer to the Code of conduct as the "Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct 2017".
ATTACHMENT 2

RESOLUTION 2

Adopted on 12 January 2017

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

The Jeddah Meeting,

HAVING ADOPTED the Revised Code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden Area (hereinafter referred to as "the Code of conduct"),

DESIRING to promote the wide acceptance and efficient and effective implementation of the Code of conduct,

RECOGNIZING the need for the development of appropriate national legislation and the putting in place of appropriate organizational, administrative and operational procedures and arrangements,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that there may be limited facilities and training programmes for obtaining the experience required, particularly in developing countries and small island developing States,

BELIEVING that the promotion of technical cooperation at the international level will assist those States not yet having adequate expertise or facilities for providing training and experience to put in place or enhance appropriate infrastructure and, in general, implement the Code of conduct,

EMPHASIZING, in this regard, the grave threat piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity, including fisheries crime, can pose to the safety of navigation, seafarers and to the marine environment, if not repressed promptly and effectively,

1 URGES Member States of the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO"), other appropriate organizations and the maritime industry to provide assistance, either directly or through IMO, to those States which require support in the effective implementation of the Code of conduct;

2 INVITES the Secretary-General of IMO to make adequate provision in the Organization's Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme for advisory services related to the effective implementation of the Code of conduct and, in particular, to address requests for assistance in developing appropriate national legislation;

3 REQUESTS the Secretary-General of IMO to revise the terms of reference of the Djibouti Code of Conduct Trust Fund to reflect the expanded scope of the revised Code of conduct and to seek further financial contributions thereto;

4 INVITES Participants to develop clear proposals for projects to implement efficiently the Code of conduct;
5. ALSO INVITES Member States of IMO, and other international organizations concerned including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, United Nations Development Programme, European Union and Regional Co-operation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Robbery Against Ships in Asia – Information Sharing Centre and the maritime industry to provide financial and in-kind support for technical assistance activities related to the effective implementation of the Code of conduct; and

6. FURTHER INVITES Member States of IMO to take appropriate action within all available frameworks and mechanisms to prevent and repress illegal activities offshore that impact peace and stability throughout the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden area.
RESOLUTION 3
Adopted on 12 January 2017

ENHANCING TRAINING IN THE REGION

The Jeddah Meeting,

ACKNOWLEDGING that best results towards implementation of the provisions of the Revised Code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden (hereinafter referred to as "the Code of conduct") in a uniform manner may be achieved through the provision of proper training to officials designated by the Governments;

1. THANKS the NATO Maritime Interdiction Operations Training Centre (NMIOTC), the European Union Naval Force (EU NAVFOR), East African Standby Force (EASF), the United Kingdom's International Peace Support Training Centre, the Humanitarian Peace Support Training Centre, Nairobi, Kenya, Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Bin Nayef Academy of Marine Science and Security Studies, United States Naval Forces Africa, Turkey's International Maritime Security Centre of Excellence, the European Union's CRIMARIO programme and EUCAP Somalia and other United Nations agencies, plans and programmes including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for their generous and ongoing support to maritime capacity building;

2. THANKS the Djibouti Regional Maritime Training Centre organization for its efforts to coordinate training in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden area;

3. URGES the Government of Djibouti to make the training centre in Doraleh, Djibouti, operational and available for national and regional training;

4. RECOMMENDS that the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO") continue to develop and promote training courses appropriate to the wide, effective and uniform implementation of the provisions of the Code of conduct;

5. ENCOURAGES signatory States to cooperate on the development and promotion of training and educational programs for the management of the marine environment, particularly for the maintenance of safety, security and law and order at sea, and to exchange information on their training programmes and best practices with each other; and

6. ENCOURAGES Member States of IMO, international organizations and regional organizations to cooperate with the Secretary-General of IMO for the purpose of implementing this resolution in due course.

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RESOLUTION 4

Adopted on 12 January 2017

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

The Jeddah Meeting,

ACKNOWLEDGING the kind invitation of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO") to hold the Meeting in Jeddah,

ACKNOWLEDGING ALSO the generous in-kind contribution and excellent arrangements made by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the Meeting, as well as the hospitality and other amenities provided by the Government and People of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

EXPRESS APPRECIATION to:

1. the Government and People of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their valuable contribution to the success of the Meeting; and

2. the Secretary-General of IMO, and especially the staff of the IMO Secretariat, for their tireless efforts and outstanding support for the preparation and conduct of the Meeting.

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