



## **DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT/JEDDAH AMENDMENT**

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING No. 3**

**Virtual via Zoom**

**Wednesday 8th September 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 Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 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 by representatives of IMO as the Secretariat.

The full list of participants is attached 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 and Working Group 2 on Capacity Building Coordination to seek SC approval of the respective work plans, both working groups having held their inaugural meetings on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 respectively.

#### **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 attached as **Annex C**.



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 brought to their attention a new training course on the screening and search of passengers and their baggage for cruise and ferry port facilities and requested consideration of a Signatory State within the region to pilot this important work. The opening remarks are attached as **Annex D**.

### **Agenda**

6. The meeting adopted the agenda that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **Update from the Chair of Working Group 1 – Information Sharing**

7. On behalf of the Chair of WG 1, Ms. Joyce Awino (Kenya) provided the progress update on the work being spearheaded by Working Group 1. She began by noting the key recommendations which were agreed upon by National Focal Points during the Inaugural meeting of the Working Group on 18th May 2021. Key among them included establishment of National Maritime Information Sharing Centres (NMISCs) by each Signatory State to form Information Sharing Network Pillars, establishment of National Maritime Security Committees and National Maritime Security Strategies, develop common standard operating procedures for the NMISCs and the Regional Information Sharing Centres and development of a website as a key tool of information sharing. The Signatory States requested technical support from IMO to help them in development of an Information Sharing and Maritime Domain Awareness Strategy Roadmap, and in the establishment of the National Maritime Security Committees and National Maritime Security Strategies.

8. Ms. Joyce Awino added that based on the recommendations by the Signatory States, the following milestones had been achieved thus far with the support of the IMO:

- The development of the DCoC Website that was launched on 9th June 2021, and now enabling the visibility of the work of the DCoC.
- The engagement of an IMO consultant to support the Working Group in developing the DCoC Strategy and roadmap for the regional Information Sharing Network (ISN).
- The publication of a regular DCoC Newsletter, led by the IMO Secretariat, has also been a most welcome development as it is an excellent vehicle for promoting the work of the DCoC.

9. Noting that sea blindness remains a major challenge in the region, Kenya urged the SC to consider prioritizing and championing WG1 initiatives to enhance Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) in the region, as envisioned in the DCoC/JA. The WG Chair requested the SC to approve development and support of a DCoC Regional Plan to achieve MDA and to



approve the work plan on development of the strategy for the development of the DCoC/JA Information Sharing Network.

10. Kenya also urged the SC to consider how best to attract donor funding for the support of the work of the DCoC/JA. The update of Working Group 1 is marked as **Annex E**.

#### **Update from the Secretariat – Development of strategy and roadmap for the enhancement of the DCoC/JA Info sharing Network**

11. On behalf of IMO, Mr. Kiruja Micheni provided an update on the progress made in supporting the work of Working Group 1 towards enhancing the DCoC/JA ISN. Following the establishment, by WG1, of a subcommittee to lead on drafting the strategy and roadmap for the ISN, and pursuant to the request of the WG for IMO to provide technical assistance for the same, the Organization had recruited a consultant to provide direct support. So far, the Subcommittee has already held its first meeting with the consultant to share ideas on the way forward. Work on the initial draft is currently ongoing in consultation with stakeholders and MDA technical experts. Once completed the sub-committee will present the draft for initial consideration by the WG, before being presented to NFPs for final consideration and adoption.

#### **Update from Chairman on Working Group 2**

12. The Chair, Captain Getinet Abay (Ethiopia), presented the progress update on the work being spearheaded by WG 2. He highlighted the key recommendations as agreed upon by NFPs during the Inaugural Meeting of the WG meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 including:

- Need for identification of capacity building needs by Signatory States to be submitted through the IMO Secretariat, so that WG2 in collaboration with the IMO can assess the needs and prepare a workable capacity building program for the region as a whole and depending on the identified needs to individual countries on a priority basis;
- DCoC/JA to develop an integrated capacity building coordination Work Plan through a common needs Assessment Matrix; and
- Development of a common incremental training plan and revamping of National Training Coordinators.

13. The WG Chair reported that based on the recommendations by the Signatory States, the following milestones have been achieved thus far with the support of IMO:

- National Training Coordinators List has been revamped and updated;
- Plans finalised to implement a series of regional workshops on the implementation of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code, as well as to draft the DCoC ISPS Code framework of cooperation for the DCoC/JA; and
- IMO had received 4 requests from Implementing Partners to join the Friends of DCoC and the same were submitted to the SC for consideration.



14. Captain Getinet Abay urged the SC to approve and champion the initiatives of Working Group 2 with specific attention to engagement of Implementing Partners and Friends of DCoC/JA to be able to maximise the expertise on offer and also add to the DCoC Trust Fund whose funds are low. He also sought SC approval for developing a Needs Assessment Matrix by WG 2 as a foundation for an Integrated Work Plan. WG2 update is attached as **Annex F**.

### **Suggestions for Development of a DCoC Capacity Building Coordination Matrix**

15. Mr. Andrew Clarke (IMO) highlighted the need for a coordinated approach in developing a matrix as it will ensure utilization of all opportunities as identified by the Signatory States and avoid duplication. The Secretariat recommended that the SC requests WG 2 to produce a comprehensive matrix of capacity development needs across the DCoC region. This should highlight not only in what areas capacity development assistance is required but should also prioritise those areas of capacity development the region would like to see delivered first, and in a co-ordinated way, so that all DCoC Signatory States have an opportunity to take advantage of this assistance. This matrix should then be sent to the SC for approval. In addition, once the matrix has been approved, WG 2 should be tasked to approach the Friends of the DCoC with the matrix, and the Friends of the DCoC should be requested to identify which of its members are best placed to provide technical assistance in the different capacity development areas. This should then be sent back to the SC for it to endorse the matrix with the various donors identified who will lead the different capacity development work streams in the region.

16. Mr. Andrew Clarke concluded that this co-ordinated approach would make a very significant difference to the way in which capacity development assistance is delivered across the region, and this SC is invited to endorse this approach and to request that WG 2 undertakes this work with the support of the Secretariat. His remarks are highlighted as **Annex G**.

### **Update on the Regional Plan for ISPS Code training and development of framework of cooperation**

17. Mr. Kiruja Micheni reported that following the recommendation of WG 2 to build regional capacity to ensure effective implementation and compliance with the ISPS Code by DCoC states, plans have been finalized by IMO to provide technical assistance on the same. A consultant to lead the work has been identified and work will start this month (September 2021).

18. The project aim is for the DCoC Participating States to have well trained and skilled Government officials to conduct audits (to certify the port facilities) and inspection to ensure the effective implementation of the maritime security measures in the different port facilities. Together with the incremental training of an ISPS team of regional experts, IMO will also provide support in developing a DCoC regional framework of cooperation on the oversight and enforcement of Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code. He noted that the training activities will be conducted in cooperation with the DRTC as follows:



- 20 – 24 September 2021 – Virtual regional workshop on the implementation of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code – Since it is a virtual event, there is no limit on the number of participants that can be nominated if all meet the selection criteria;
- November 2021 (exact date TBC) - DCoC regional workshop (in person), on the implementation of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code;
- Development of draft DCoC regional framework of cooperation on the oversight and the enforcement of Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code – by IMO Consultant; and
- February 2022 – DCoC regional stakeholders’ workshop to discuss regional cooperation on the implementation of the ISPS Code – This will be attended by NFPs and selected officials who will have undergone the training identified above.

### **Friends of the DCoC – Consideration and approval of requests**

19. The Chairman of WG 2, tabled 5 individual requests from STABLE SEAS, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), INTERPOL, Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and EU CRIMARIO to be considered as Friends of the DCoC/JA, herein attached as **Annex H**, and requested the SC to deliberate on and approve the same. The requests were unanimously agreed upon and the 5 Implementing Partners joined officially as Friends of DCoC/JA.

### **DCoC Trust Fund - Resource Mobilisation**

20. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) commended the IMO and all Signatory States for the work and efforts that they have undertaken to mobilize support to the DCoC Trust Fund. KSA looks forward to more engagements with donors to support the work of the DCoC/JA. The Chairman reported that KSA will resume supporting regional training in the Kingdom as soon as the COVID-19 situation allows.

### **Elections of the Steering Committee Members**

21. It was noted that in accordance with the TORs for the DCoC/JA governance framework, elections are due every two years. This agenda will therefore be tabled at the next NFPs meeting.

### **Open Discussions**

22. Captain Joachim Valmont (Seychelles) informed the meeting that its interest in cruise business, Seychelles would be very interested in the new IMO training course on screening and search of passengers and their baggage for cruise and ferry port facilities. He further noted that Seychelles has begun implementing a passenger automation process in the maritime sector and working to develop the automation of processes in line with the single window system and FAL Convention requirements.

23. Recalling the resolution of the 22nd plenary of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) held in Mauritius on 20 June 2019, that resolved that the work of the



Regional Capacity Building Coordination Working Group (RCBWG), be left to the DCoC mechanism, with a view to enhancing efficiency and the avoidance of duplication of effort, Kenya called for increased cooperation with the CGPS and observed as follows:

- The DCoC WG2 remains the only regional mechanism that the region depends on for coordinating capacity building coordination relating to maritime security;
- Kenya is aware that discussions on broadening the scope of the CGPCS to include other maritime crimes are ongoing. This will bring the mandate of the CGPCS closer to the DCOC/JA;
- Recommended that DCoC engages with the CGPCS Chairmanship and Secretariat to find ways for better coordination of efforts in the best interest of the region;
- Requested the SC to consider giving a go ahead to the IMO Secretariat, Kenya, and one or two other countries who are members of the IOC to engage with the CGPCS Chair and Secretariat with a view to find common ground. The groups would then make recommendations to the SC on how best to coordinate the efforts in the best interest of the DCOC JA.

### **Summary of Discussion and Way Forward**

24. Having been updated on the progress made by both WG 1 and 2, the meeting noted with appreciation the commitments of both Working Groups and their collaboration with IMO and agreed as follows:

- IMO requested to prioritise technical assistance in enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness, in the Organization's capacity building programme, as a matter of priority. IMO was further requested to support regional States in implementing the provisions stipulated under Article 3 of Jeddah Amendment. This includes the establishment, as necessary, of a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary national maritime security and facilitation committee or other system for co-ordinating the related activities between the departments and agencies; development of National plans for the implementation the National Maritime Security Strategies, related contingency plans and technical assistance towards establishing National Maritime Information Sharing Centres.
- Working Group 1 through the already existing sub-committee to develop the DCOC/JA Information Sharing Network Strategy and a Maritime Domain Awareness Regional Plan with technical support from IMO.
- Working Group 2 to spearhead the development of a revised and expanded Needs Assessment Matrix as a key pillar for capacity building coordination and an Integrated Work Plan across the Region with support from the IMO. Signatory States will be encouraged to populate the revised and expanded Needs Assessment Matrix to populate the template.





- Working Group 2 to spearhead the collating of capacity building needs from Signatory States with support from IMO and carry out training need assessment and prepare a workable capacity building program for the region as a whole identifying the donors for each capacity development work-stream through the Friends of the DCoC.
- Working Group 2 to spearhead, with support from IMO a “train the trainer approach” for a meaningful and sustainable transfer of knowledge to the region.
- The information on the new training course on the screening and search of passengers and their baggage for cruise and ferry port facilities be circulated to all NFPs for consultations with their governments on the way forward and to identify a Signatory State with whom to pilot the project. IMO was requested to share the information on this course with Seychelles for their internalization, as well as information on the WCO led initiative on API and PNR for cruise ships.
- The requests to be considered as Friends of DCoC by STABLE SEAS, ISS, IOC, INTERPOL, and EU CRIMARIO have been approved.
- The SC will encourage NFPs and Implementing partners to share their input and news items related to the work of the DCoC/JA for input into the DCoC Newsletter. Somalia has already made contribution for the current Newsletter.
- DCoC/JA to initiate dialogue with the Chair and Secretariat of the CGPCS with a view to finding ways to engage collaboratively.
- Fundraising strategies as discussed have been approved. The meeting noted that it is the responsibility of every Signatory State to actively participate in fundraising for the DCoC Trust Fund. IMO may also inform the Steering Committee of any projects by Implementing Partners they may come across. KSA has committed to host training sessions once COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed and continue their excellent support to the DCoC.

### **Vote of thanks**

25. The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking every member for attending and wished them a safe stay and good health till the next meeting.

26. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1530 hours EAT.

### **Annexes:**

- Annex A- List of Participants
- Annex B- AGENDA
- Annex C- Opening Remarks KSA
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- Annex E- Update on Working Group 1
- Annex F- Update on Working Group 2
- Annex G- Suggestions from Secretariat on the Needs Assessment Matrix
- Annex H- Requests from Implementing Partners to join Friends of DCoC/JA

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## **Annex B- AGENDA**



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## **Annex C- Opening Remarks KSA**



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## **Annex D- Opening Remarks IMO**



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## **Annex E- Update on Working Group 1**



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## **Annex F- Update on Working Group 2**



Update on  
WG2-Steering Comm

## **Annex G- Suggestions from Secretariat on the Needs Assessment Matrix**



Suggestions for  
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## **Annex H- Requests from Implementing Partners to join Friends of DCoC/JA**



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