

# **THE DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT (DCoC) HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JEDDAH AMENDMENT TO DCoC, 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**



**Resolution #3**  
**Re-energizing the**  
**DCoC Trust Fund as**  
**an Important Tool**  
**for implementing**  
**the DCoC Jeddah**  
**Amendment**

# Why, how and when

By adopting the Jeddah Amendment, Regional States demonstrated a great vision for a safe, secure and prosperous Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden. A region that is no longer considered as synonymous with Sea blindness.

As you know, the Jeddah Amendment was signed for because of the following:-

The Western Indian Ocean and the Red Sea, joining Southern, Eastern Africa and the Middle East to the Americas, Europe and Asia, constitute one of the most critical maritime routes enabling global trade.

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Unfortunately, the potential for economic development, through increased maritime commerce and legitimate economic activity along the coastline and maritime space of countries in the region remains unexploited due to growing instability, terrorism and transnational organized crime at sea that impacts seafarers, maritime operators and the ability of ports to develop.

# Other Considerations

Why the region must step up the implementation?

- Regional Trade routes are still considered as **HRA** due to threat of piracy and armed robbery against ships
- In the span of a few years, an increasing number of attacks on commercial vessels, small fishing boats, naval and military supply ships have been reported in the southern Red Sea, Bab Al-Mandeb Strait and the Gulf of Aden.

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- Increasing insecurity at sea, occasional weak governance and physical insecurity prevent the ports and the maritime space from becoming drivers of economic development.
- It is estimated that Africa may be losing about 2% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth per year.
- Focus on developing national capability – then regional (Do not build your house on sand).

### **Piracy contained but:-**

As the mandates of international Navies draws to an end, need for increased local action.

# Lessons Learnt from a Regional Perspective

- interventions to counter piracy, did not go far enough, did not address the root causes.
- Lack of coordination between foreign interventions and regional countries was a missed opportunity. For example, would it not have been fantastic if there was coordination between **EU NAVFOR** and the **DCoC** that would have allowed sea rider opportunities?

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- International forces continue to patrol our waters using naval ships and Maritime patrol aircrafts; it would be fantastic if there was collaboration with the DCoC to share information on suspicious activities at sea, through the DCoC information sharing centers .

## Legacy

We need to take collective action to address sea blindness. Having established a strong governance framework, the DCoC is now better prepared to spear head the coordination of Information Sharing and Regional Capacity building initiatives.

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Need for donors and implementing partners to support regional **CB** priorities as identified.

Need for better coordination of efforts of donors and implementing partners – **TORs** allows for Friends of DCoC to participate and support the work spearheaded by the two working Groups. To take this agenda forward,

Somalia would therefore like to request **IMO** to work with like-minded partners in developing a DCoC Regional plan to achieve MDA and to implement an enduring capacity building project under the auspices of the **DCoC-JA**.



# Remember

We have the **DCoC Trust Fund** which provides the opportunity for mobilization of resource. However, Somalia understands that the DCoC Trust Fund is very low on funds.

This should be one of the priorities of this WG to ensure that the work continues. We would like to request rich members such as **Saudi Arabia** to consider contributing as we seek further assistance from other donors such as the EU, USA, UK, Denmark and others.

Finally, Let this be on one of the assignments for this working group.



Thank you for your attention  
Questions?