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# **Mapping Current Operational Coordination Mechanisms**

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# **Best Practices Joint & International Maritime Operations**

## **National Maritime Security Strategy**

- Backbone to establish contributing capacities, capabilities, and expertise.
- Identifies “whole of government” approach to support regional and international maritime operations.
- Establish Contributions, Constraints, and Restraints aligned with nation objectives.

## **Understanding Contributing Nations’ Constraints and Restraints**

- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Understanding (MOU), Ship Rider Agreements – level of national needs and commitment
- Legal finish, prosecution, and detention
- Rules of Force and Rules of Engagement (ROE)
- Platform, personnel, and expertise to include interoperability issues

## **Build Trust**

- Combined training, exercises, and symposiums
- Stakeholders – Maritime Industry, and Shipping Organizations
- Collaboration and Coordination - SHADE

# Best Practices Joint & International Maritime Operations

## Command, Control & Communications (C3)

- Chain of Command understood and sensible
- Responsibilities, Authorities, and Relationships (Supported/Supporting)
- Common, secure, and reliable communication, networks, and information sharing protocols (to include language) for all participants and supporting entities
- Levels of support - Communication, Cooperation, Coordination, or Collaboration
- Planning and Execution processes with mission Assessment

## Sustainment of Operations

- Funding resources
- Logistics – at sea vs. in port replenishment
- On station time – rotation of assets and personnel
- Accession and recurring training planning and execution