



Eighth High-Level Meeting on Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct

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Talking Points of Senator Fartun Abdikadir Farah

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, esteemed partners, and friends,

It is indeed an honour to address this 8th High-Level Meeting of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and its Jeddah Amendment (DCoC/JA). We gather with a common purpose: to strengthen maritime security and cooperation across our region.

As we reflect on our collective progress, it is important to remember that true and lasting maritime security requires addressing the root causes of instability at sea. We all recall that piracy off the coast of Somalia was born out of frustration with illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing—foreign vessels exploiting local waters and depriving coastal communities of their livelihoods. Yet, today, IUU fishing continues to threaten food security, economic growth, and stability across our region. This is why Somalia believes that our maritime security dialogue must now give greater attention to safeguarding legitimate fishing activities, promoting sustainable ocean governance, and protecting the Blue Economy that underpins our coastal resilience.

We take this opportunity to thank the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for its unwavering and practical support to Somalia—

- in the development of the Somalia Shipping Code,
- in establishing the National Maritime Security Committee (NMSC) and National Maritime Security Risk Register (NMSRR), and
- for the ongoing work to finalise the National Maritime Security Strategy (NMSS).

These initiatives are helping Somalia build strong, lasting institutions capable of managing its maritime domain effectively.

We also recognize with appreciation the continued contribution of international navies that have supported maritime law enforcement and deterrence efforts in the region. However, as we move forward, we must strengthen coordination between naval forces and regional States, ensuring that their efforts complement and reinforce national and regional frameworks under the DCoC/JA. The establishment of Working Group 3 will facilitate the necessary coordination.

As we continue to build our networks for information sharing and maritime domain awareness, let us also not forget the shipping industry—they are critical stakeholders, and their participation and feedback will enhance our collective effectiveness and operational response.



Somalia remains fully committed to the objectives of the DCoC/JA and calls for renewed political and financial commitment to consolidate the gains achieved and to strengthen our common maritime governance architecture. Only by working together—Governments, partners, navies, and industry—can we achieve safe, secure, and sustainable seas for generations to come.

Thank you.
