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Statements issued by Regional Countries

Statement by the Republic of Kenya

Appreciating the DCoC Engagement Strategy and Its Role in Regional Coordination

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

The Republic of Kenya wants to express its appreciation for the DCoC Engagement Strategy and to commend the collective effort that went into its development and adoption.

We believe that this Strategy represents a timely and practical tool to achieve synergy among the Member States, regional organizations, and international partners. By aligning priorities and better coordinating activities, we can ensure that the DCoC continues to deliver tangible results in the strengthening of maritime governance, safety, and security.

Kenya recognizes that the Engagement Strategy provides a coherent framework for structured collaboration, transparency, and accountability. It allows for the harmonization of regional initiatives and maximizes the impact of available resources, both nationally and partner supported.

As a coastal State with key maritime infrastructure such as the Port of Mombasa and the Lamu Port, Kenya firmly believes that such coordination is crucial to promoting stability and sustainable economic development across the Western Indian Ocean.

We hereby reiterate our commitment to the implementation of this Strategy and to continuing to work closely with all DCoC Partners to achieve our shared vision for secure and well-governed seas.

Thank you.

Statement by the Republic of Maldives

Recognizing the DCoC Engagement Strategy as a Catalyst for Regional Synergy

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

The Republic of Maldives joins other Member States in warmly welcoming and appreciating the DCoC Engagement Strategy. We consider it an important and forward-looking instrument for enhancing cooperation, coordination, and shared understanding among our maritime nations.

The Strategy provides a valuable framework for synergizing national and regional efforts, ensuring that our activities complement each other, are efficient, and focus on common priorities. It also strengthens our collective capacity in responding to transnational maritime threats, from illicit trafficking to environmental and safety challenges.



For a small island developing State like the Maldives, regional cooperation is not an option; it is a must. The DCoC Engagement Strategy helps ensure that all voices — large and small — are included in shaping a secure and resilient maritime domain.

We commend the IMO Secretariat and all partners involved in crafting this Strategy, and we reaffirm Maldives' commitment to its implementation and to deeper collaboration within the DCoC family.

Thank you.