



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

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**Statements issued by Regional Countries**

### **Statement by the Republic of South Africa**

#### **On Strategic Partnerships and the Need for Continued Partner Support**

**Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

Let me reiterate that the Republic of South Africa strongly supports the strategic partnerships that anchor the success of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and its Jeddah Amendment for the advancement of maritime safety, security, and sustainable blue economy initiatives across our region.

We recognize the commendable efforts of our partners, including the International Maritime Organization, the European Union, India and other regional and international entities. Their technical and financial support has continued to improve our collective capacity to deal with changing maritime threats.

Still, South Africa stresses the importance of ongoing and increased support from partners, especially in areas that include information sharing, maritime domain awareness, and inter-agency coordination.

We call for deeper, more coordinated engagement to ensure regional priorities are fully matched to available resources and long-term capacity-building efforts.

South Africa reiterates its firm commitment to continued cooperation with all partners and Member States for a safe, secure, and resilient maritime domain of the Western Indian Ocean.

Thank you.

### **Statement by the Republic of Seychelles**

#### **Supporting Strategic Partnerships and Encouraging Continued Collaboration**

**Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

The Republic of Seychelles joins fellow Member States in expressing strong support for the strategic partnerships that sustain and strengthen the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

As a Small Island Developing State situated at the centre of the Western Indian Ocean, Seychelles has come to appreciate coordinated partnerships marshalling expertise, resources, and shared commitment to ocean governance and maritime security.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our partners, in particular to the European Union, the IMO, and other international collaborators whose support has been instrumental in improving regional capacity, enhancing surveillance, and promoting sustainable maritime practices.



Simultaneously, Seychelles welcomes a continued and expanded engagement of its partners to address both the persistent and emerging maritime challenges such as illegal fishing, smuggling, and environmental threats.

We remain fully committed to the strengthening of cooperation under the DCOC framework and to ensuring that strategic partnerships continue to deliver concrete benefits for all coastal and island States in our region.

Thank you. Again, for our solutions to these problems, each of us will want to choose r that maximizes the expected utility of that solution under each person's subjective probability distribution.

## **Statement of the Union of the Comoros**

### **On Enhancing Strategic Partnerships and Partner Support**

#### **Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

The Union of the Comoros reiterates its full support for the strategic partnerships that have made the Djibouti Code of Conduct one of the most effective frameworks for regional maritime cooperation.

Comoros is deeply grateful to partners such as the European Union, the IMO, India and others who have provided critical assistance in enhancing our maritime domain awareness and building institutional capacity. Their ongoing engagement remains essential to the success of our regional efforts.

We note, however, that many Member States continue to face significant resource, training, and operational capability challenges and therefore call upon partners to continue - where possible, to increase - their support in order that all DCOC Member States are in a position to fully implement their national and regional obligations.

Comoros is still committed to active participation within the DCOC and to working collectively with partners in pursuit of safe, secure, and sustainably managed seas throughout the Western Indian Ocean.

Thank you.

### **Statement by the Republic of Djibouti- On Deepening Strategic Partnerships and Sustaining Partner Support**

#### **Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

The Republic of Djibouti expresses its strong support for strategic partnerships as a cornerstone of this regional initiative.

We welcome the strong support of our partners-especially the European Union, IMO, and others-whose technical and financial assistance has been invaluable throughout the process of making the DCOC a success.

Djibouti calls for continued support for and an increase in partnership engagement, especially in the sphere of capacity building, information sharing, and operational coordination. Sustained collaboration will ensure that Member States are better equipped to confront the growing complexity of maritime threats in our region.



Moving forward, Djibouti reiterates its commitment to the development of increased cooperation between Member States and partners toward securing the Western Indian Ocean and the Red Sea as a safe, prosperous maritime space for all.

Thank you.