



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

Applauding the Progress of the DCOC and Acknowledging the IMO Secretariat

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

The Republic of South Africa is happy to commend the important progress achieved under the Djibouti Code of Conduct. We applaud the positive changes that have strengthened cooperation, coordination, and trust among Member States across the Western Indian Ocean.

In particular, we welcome the recognition as noted in the Opening Speech by the IMO's SG's representative of the DCOC as the principal regional mechanism for the promotion of maritime security in our shared waters. This affirmation reflects the maturity and growing effectiveness of this framework in addressing evolving maritime challenges.

South Africa would like to express appreciation for the work of the IMO Secretariat, which has been instrumental through its leadership, coordination, and technical support in guiding the evolution and success of the DCOC. Indeed, a small team of three in the regional office but great results and strides in pulling the Signatory States in the same direction to realise agreed upon goals.

We join the other Signatory States in welcoming the constructive remarks and contributions shared in this meeting and reaffirm South Africa's commitment to the shared vision of safe, secure, and sustainably managed seas for the benefit of our region and the global maritime community.

Thank you.

Statement by the Republic of Djibouti

Applauding Advancement Opportunities through the DCOC and Appreciating Continued Support from the IMO

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

The Republic of Djibouti, the holder of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, is extremely proud of how this regional mechanism has come a long way. We commend the positive changes made in advancing maritime safety and security with renewed unity among Member States.

We are encouraged by the fact that DCOC is now recognized as the leading framework for maritime security cooperation in the Western Indian Ocean. Such recognition affirms the enduring value of the Code and the spirit of partnership that has defined it since its establishment here in Djibouti.



Djibouti would like to extend special gratitude to the IMO Secretariat for continued leadership and support in facilitating and maintaining this process over these years.

We join fellow Signatory States in welcoming these developments and reaffirm our commitment to the strengthening of cooperation, information sharing, and operational capability across the region.

Thank you.