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Djibouti Code of Conduct**

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Statement by the Republic of South Africa

On Partner Leadership and Coordination in Addressing Maritime Threats – Session 5

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Let me reemphasize: the Republic of South Africa reiterates that strong and coordinated leadership by our partners and Member States is imperative to advance the priorities identified under Session 5 of this High-Level Meeting.

The issues discussed in this session highlight the complex, ever-changing nature of maritime threats, including piracy, illicit trafficking, environmental concerns, and safety challenges. If we are to respond to them more effectively, we must move beyond disparate initiatives and ensure coherence in our coordination both at the national and regional levels.

It is in this regard that South Africa now calls upon our international and regional partners to take the lead in supporting areas identified under Session 5, namely, through targeted investment, capacity development, and joint operational support. Strategic alignment among all stakeholders will ensure that our collective efforts produce measurable results and lasting impact.

The DCoC remains the cornerstone framework for cooperation in the Western Indian Ocean and Red Sea region, and its effectiveness depends on how well we coordinate, communicate, and complement each other's strengths.

In this regard, South Africa reiterates its commitment to working with all Member States and partners to ensure our region remains safe, secure, and sustainably managed for future generations.

Thank you.