

**Resolution #4 Recognizing the
Evolving Maritime Challenges
and Security Priorities of DCoC
Signatory States and
Establishing Relationships to
Maximize Regional and
International Support**

- ▶ **RECOGNIZING** that maritime threats in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, area continue to evolve and have expanded beyond piracy into other challenges that have a damaging effect on the economies of the signatory States to Djibouti Code of Conduct, as amended.
- ▶ **FURTHER RECOGNIZING** that the effectiveness of the Djibouti Code of Conduct is increased through cooperation with international and regional partners, and that these relationships must evolve to align with the objectives of the Jeddah Amendment.
- ▶ **ACKNOWLEDGING** that the Friends of the DCoC has been established as a platform to coordinate cooperation from supporting organizations.

- ▶ **ENCOURAGES** members to establish their National Maritime Security Committees at their earliest practicable opportunity and to develop their National Risk Registries.
- ▶ **AGREES** that the DCoC Steering Committee shall:
 - Frequently review evolving threat analysis and National Threat Registries to ensure that DCoC roadmaps, guidance and cooperation frameworks are aligned with DCoC priorities,
 - Consider creating an overarching DCoC Maritime Risk Register that would be updated to reflect emergent threats and serve as a tool to promote focused interaction with regional and international partners,
 - Reinforce the close relationship with the Friends of the DCoC that is prioritized through the capacity building matrix and serves to support the establishment of the National Information Sharing Centres,

- Establish cooperative relationships with regional maritime security organizations based on mutual trust, reciprocity and shared purpose,
- Form mutually beneficial relationships with international organizations and coalitions that support maritime security in the Indian Ocean, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden where areas of mutual interest exist.
- Develop a set of practical and easily measured benchmarks that can be used to assess progress towards sustainable regional maritime security.
- ▶ **FURTHER AGREES** that any proposed interaction or partnerships involving commitments from the DCoC shall be reviewed by the DCoC Steering Committee and approved by consensus of Signatory States.