

CONTACT GROUP

ON PIRACY OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA

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INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP (RCBWG)

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Communiqué

The Indian Ocean Regional Capacity Building Working Group (“RCBWG”) was convened on 16 November 2016 in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. The first meeting of the Group was a milestone in the restructure of the Contact Group on Piracy Off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS)’s Working Group on Capacity Building (Working Group 1) to enable the formation of a regionally led and regionally owned body to agree and coordinate maritime security capacity building efforts in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden to combat piracy and armed robbery at sea off Somalia’s coast. This was agreed by the 19th Plenary of the CGPCS.

The meeting invited representatives from regional countries (Seychelles, Kenya, Tanzania, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Federal Republic of Somalia), regional organisations (IOC, IGAD, COMESA), international organisations (IMO, UNODC), the CGPCS Presidency, CGPCS members and international donors.

The RCBWG *reiterated* the importance of a regionally owned and regionally led capacity building process to combat piracy and armed robbery at sea off Somalia’s coast as agreed at the 19th Plenary of the CGPCS.

The RCBWG *confirmed* its commitment to facilitate cooperation and coordination of maritime security capacity building efforts to combat piracy and other illicit activities at sea off Somalia’s coast.

The RCBWG *updated* its Terms of Reference, and exchanged national priorities identified against an agreed set of maritime capacity building pillars to be formulated into a work plan and agreed at the next meeting.

The RCBWG *expressed* its gratitude to the work of the United Kingdom for its efforts in co chairing the CGPCS Working Group 1 over a number of years and commended Kenya and the IOC as the appointed co chairs of the newly formed RCBWG supported by a Secretariat from OBP.

Participants *agreed* to hold the next meeting of the RCBWG in the margins of the next CGPCS Plenary in 2017.

Signed by Participants

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Seen by Chair