

## **Invitation to contribute to the 2013 report of the United Nations Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea: CPP/JS/DO Inputs**

### **Background:**

1. On 12 December 2012, ASG Stephen Mathias (OLA) requested inputs from all relevant UN Agencies in relation to the draft 2013 General Assembly resolution on 'Oceans and the law of the sea'. In particular, he is seeking, by 01 July 2013, inputs related to Paragraph 28 (capacity building initiatives) and Paragraph 176 (assistance available for States) of the Draft Resolution.

### **UNODC CPP Input:**

#### *Paragraph 28:*

2. CPP recommends that the following five capacity building projects/initiatives be brought to OLA's attention

3. *The Kampala Process for Somalia:* Under UNPOS leadership, UNODC, along with IMO, is a core partner in the Kampala Process. This process brings together at a technical level delegates from the various Somali administrations, in order to progress Somali capacity to regulate, police, secure, and exploit their maritime domain (particularly their EEZ). In a series of workshops and meetings, the KP has to date achieved two significant capacity building outcomes for Somalia: The drafting of a maritime security and resources strategy, which was recently endorsed by the President; and the re-discovery of a 1989 Somali law which brought Somalia's previously excessive EEZ claim into compliance with UNCLOS 1982, thus opening the way for international assistance in relation to EEZ development. The KP continues to assist the Somali delegations in progressing the implementation of their maritime strategy, and in maritime law reform to ensure a stable basis for strategy implementation.

4. *The Somali Maritime Police / Coastguard Capacity Building Project:* This 2 year USD 7m joint UNODC and IMO project has already been part funded and has commenced. This project aims to dovetail with KP maritime strategy and maritime law reform processes, and is focused upon maritime police training, basic equipping, communications, and legal regulation.

5. *UNODC Maritime Crime training Programme for East Africa and Indian Ocean:* UNODC CPP has commenced a USD 2m 2 year programme to train judges, prosecutors, police, and prisons staff from the main East Africa and Indian Ocean prosecution centres (Kenya, Seychelles, Mauritius, and Tanzania, with potential expansion into Somalia). This programme will provide maritime crime tailored training programmes for 136 individuals across these four disciplines, and will provide further education leading to a postgraduate qualification for 36 individuals.

6. *Djibouti Code of Conduct Maritime Law Enforcement Training Programme*: This joint IMO and UNODC programme focuses upon providing maritime law enforcement and use of force training for 21 East Africa, Middle east, and Indian Ocean States. This capacity building programme has been running since 2010, and continues with at least 2 courses per year being run within the region.

7. *Maritime Crime Programme*: At the April 2013 CCPCJ, UNODC informed Member States of its intention to establish a Maritime Crime Programme which would incorporate the existing CPP, and leverage this and other UNODC maritime crime expertise in a more cohesive and integrated manner. The MCP is focused upon capacity building in response to State and regional requests. In October 2013, the MCP will commence its West African programming with a Gulf of Guinea focused maritime law enforcement challenge identification workshop for GoG Region States.

*Paragraph 176:*

8. The UNODC MCP is specifically targeted at designing and implementing capacity building programmes related to countering maritime crime. The MCP leverages and integrates with existing UNODC expertise and strengths in maritime related thematic areas (such as counter piracy, container control, and TOC at sea) in order to provide tailored programming and advice to Member States upon request.

*Other recommendations:*

9. UNODC may wish to consider recommending the insertion of additional text in the following draft paragraphs:
- a. Draft Paragraph 3 (welcoming the ratification and accession to the Convention of Swaziland and Equador) – add *‘and welcomes the clarification provided by the Somali Federal Government, in conjunction with the Kampala Process, as to Somalia’s 1989 ratification of the Convention...’*.
  - b. Draft Paragraph 91 (noting with appreciation the work of the Information Sharing Centre for Asia) – add *‘and looking forward to the increasing contribution of the Regional Anti-Piracy Prosecutions Intelligence Co-ordination Centre (RAPPICC) for East Africa and the Indian Ocean...’*.
  - c. Draft Paragraph 95 or 96 should recognize the work of the UNODC Hostage Support Programme, which has so far facilitated the repatriation of 46 hostages released from Somali pirate captivity.
  - d. Draft Paragraph 111 (on TOC at sea) – add *‘and in this respect welcomes the establishment of the UNODC Maritime Crime Programme...’*.
  - e. Draft Paragraph 244, or an additional paragraph in Section XIV (Regional Co-operation) – add *‘Notes with appreciation the work of the Kampala Process in*

*advancing progress and resolving Somali maritime issues of regional concern and effect... '.*

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