

SMC/MTGMIN/22nd – 26th AUGUST 05

**11TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STANDING MARITIME COMMITTEE
OF THE ISDSC, HELD IN SIMON'S TOWN,
SOUTH AFRICA FROM 22 - 26 AUGUST 2005**

RECORD

INTRODUCTION

1. The Working Group session of the 11th Annual Meeting of the Standing Maritime Committee (SMC) of the ISDSC was held in Simon's Town, South Africa from 22nd - 24th August 2005. The meeting was chaired by South Africa where 11 Member States were present.

OFFICIAL OPENING

2. The Chairperson, V Adm J. Mudimu welcomed the delegations from Member States. The full text of his remarks is at Appendix A.

ATTENDANCE

3. Apologies were received from Mauritius. Botswana was absent without apology. The attendance register is at Appendix B.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The Committee adopted the Agenda of the meeting (Appendix C).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR – DESIGNATE

5. The Committee appointed Namibia, the current Chair of the SADC Organ to take over the SMC Chair, in compliance with ISDSC Rules of Procedure.

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SMC

6. The Committee reviewed the implementation of the decisions of the 10th SMC Meeting held in 2004.

CO-OPERATION ISSUES

7. Implementation of Plans and Decisions

- a. The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting there was a concern that the implementation of plans and decisions was not satisfactory and therefore, noted that South Africa had appointed officers coordinators for Naval Training, Multinational Force Preparation and Naval Co-ordination and Guidance of Shipping (NCAGS) Co-operation Plans.

- b. The Committee directed the following:-
 - i. Member States with responsibility for tasks identified in the SMC Annual Work Programme and/or plan co-ordination responsibilities should make biannual progress reports to the Chairperson through the Secretariat, at the end of the quarter following the annual meeting and at the end of the quarter preceding the next meeting.
 - ii. Nodal points are to be identified and registered at the annual meeting.

8. Action Taken

The committee noted that:

- a. Member States, which are responsible to coordinate the SMC Cooperation plans, could not dispatch biannual progress reports to the Chairperson as directed. Angola and Mozambique submitted their reports on SAR and Force Support Plans. No information was submitted by the SMC Member States.
- b. On Multinational Forces Preparation, little progress has been made so far and South Africa requested more time.
- c. Nodal points were not fully utilised.

9. Recommendations

The committee directed the following:

- a. **Progress Report of the SMC Cooperation Plans be submitted to the Chairperson through the Secretariat annually by February each year instead of biannual.**
- b. **SAR plan be submitted to the relevant SADC Forums according to the following time frame:**
 - i. **South Africa distributes the edited English version to Member States for comment by the end of 2005.**
 - ii. **Member States comment by the end of February 2006.**
 - iii. **The Secretariat to identify the relevant SADC Forums by the end of February 2006.**
 - iv. **The Chair to submit the Plan by the end of March 2006.**
- c. **Nodal Points should be effectively utilised in all SMC communications.**

10. Information Exchange

The Committee recalled that a further concern was the exchange of relevant information in relation to Intra – SMC, Inter – ISDSC and other International bodies. The Committee is invited to note that:

- a. The streamlining of chairpersonship of the various ISDSC Committees and Work Groups under a Chairperson of the SADC Organ would facilitate the exchange of information.
- b. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Defence Intelligence Exchange was signed by the Defence Chiefs in July 2004 and the Chair was directed to determine its implications for the SMC.

11. Recommendations

The Committee reiterated the need for information exchange on various cross cutting issues among SMC Member States, ISDSC sub structures and other international bodies.

12. Doctrine and Procedures

The Committee recalled that the issue of doctrine and procedures has been addressed by the SMC and to note that:

- a. The ISDSC had directed that the SMC should include the inland water bodies in its exercises to ensure landlocked Member States' participation and that riverine exercises take place.
- b. The Committee directed that the editor of the SMC INTEROP Reference Operations Order (IROO) publication to insert instructions into the manual to capture the decisions as directed.

13. Action Taken

The committee noted that: -

- a. South Africa made a development on INTEROP by introducing East - West INTEROP whereby officers from South Africa worked and trained together with officers from Mozambique and Namibia in different occasions.
- b. Riverine exercises have not been done because coastal countries especially South Africa had no capacity to initiate such exercises.
- c. Revised version of IROO with the suggested inclusion has been completed and will be issued at the end of the meeting.

14. Recommendation

The Committee recommended that the land locked countries with inland waters should be encouraged to initiate relevant riverine exercises and to institutionalise INTEROP, doctrine and procedures in cooperation with coastal countries.

15. Co-operation Plan Revision Guidelines

The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting the following was directed:

- a. The guidelines be included in the appropriate chapter of SADC SMC 1 (Organisation and Co-operation Manual).
- b. Plan Co-ordinators are to review the Co-operation Plans and submit them at the 2006 annual meeting.

16. Action Taken

The Committee noted that the Guidelines have been included in the appropriate Chapter in SADC SMC 1 and will be issued at the end of the meeting.

17. Recommendation

The Committee recommended that the Member States coordinating SMC cooperation plans should review the plans and submit them for comments by Member States before the end of 2005.

ISDSC DOCUMENTATION**18. Draft Strategic Indicative Plan for the Organ (SIPO)**

The Committee recalled that the Chair was directed to ensure SMC's representation at the workshop on SIPO implementation that will take place in the near future. In addition, the Committee noted that the OSSC has directed that the development of the proposed SMC Military Strategy should also be undertaken within the framework of the operationalisation of the defence component of SIPO.

19. Action Taken

The Committee noted that the draft implementation framework has been finalised and shall be submitted to the Workshop on SIPO in September 2005.

20. Recommendation

The Committee recommended that the SMC Chair should make arrangements through the SADC Secretariat and the Chair of the SADC Organ to ensure the SMC's representation in the forthcoming SIPO Workshop in September 2005.

21. Secretarial Services

The Committee noted that SADC Secretariat was mandated to serve the SADC Organ and its substructures. However, the ISDSC directed that Standing Committees and Working Groups should continue having the ad-hoc Secretarial services until there are sufficient human resources at the SADC Secretariat to service all structures of the Organ including the Working Groups and Standing Committees.

22. Recommendation

The Committee directed that SMC Secretariat be assisted by one specific officer from SMC Chair to coordinate various SMC matters and when necessary he may be required to join the Secretariat in South Africa.

MARITIME SECURITY

23. The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting it had deliberated on the requirements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) as follows:

- a. The report on the seminar was submitted to Member States as part of the Compact Disc (CD) in the previous meeting. The maritime security aspects considered by Plan Co-coordinators were included in the guidelines for plan reviews.
- b. Secretariat was directed to resubmit SMC's concern regarding the non-involvement of Defence agencies by other government departments to the OSSC.
- c. The Committee took note of South Africa's progress on the implementation of the ISPS Code. The South African Bill on Maritime Security is available on electronic copy of the 2005 SMC Record.

24. Action Taken

The Committee noted that:

- a. A workshop facilitated by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), took place in Luanda from 10th – 11th August 2005. Angolan Ministry of Defence was represented.
- b. Co-operation Plan Co-ordinators are in the process to include Maritime security aspects during the review of co-operation plans.

25. Recommendation

The Committee directed the Secretariat to resubmit the SMC's concern to the OSSC regarding the non-involvement of Defence agencies by other government departments.

INSTITUTE FOR MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (IMT) AND SADC CONFERENCE ON WARSHIP SUPPORT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AT SEA

26. The Committee recalled that at its previous meetings it supported South Africa's initiative to organize and host an all African Maritime Conference, but directed that the organisation of the SADC Conference should continue thereafter. The Committee further directed the following:

- a. The Term 'Agreement' be used for cooperation agreement at the level of the SMC.
- b. South Africa must produce draft agreements on the subjects listed above and submit them at the next meeting.

27. Action Taken.

- a. The Committee noted and commended South Africa for hosting 'Sea Power for Africa Symposium' in Cape Town whereby all SMC Member States and other African States have been invited to attend. However, there is need to emphasize on SADC Conference as planned.
- b. The proposal to substitute the term agreement in the phrase MOU is being considered.
- c. The draft agreements are still in progress.

28. Recommendations

The committee recommended that the issue of substitution of the term Agreement be finalised as a matter of way forward.

AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE

29. The Committee recalled that the Ministerial Committee for the Organ has approved the SADC Brigade Modality Report and has directed the ISDSC to proceed with the implementation. The Maritime component is included in the report. Moreover, the Committee directed as follows:

- a. Member states be requested to look into the modalities of their contribution towards the Maritime component of SADC Brigade.

- b. The SMC Chair ensures that there is SMC representation in future deliberations of the OSSC to advise on the maritime component.

30. Action Taken.

The Committee noted that South Africa was requested to organize a briefing on Progress on Establishment of SADC BRIG with the emphasis on the Maritime Component.

31. Recommendation

The Committee recommended the following:

- a. **There should be a full participation of SMC in the OSSC and ISDSC Military planner's meetings.**
- b. **The team of three be constituted by Tanzania, Angola and South Africa to work in conjunction with the Secretariat to study, determine roles and mission of the SADC BRIG of the African Standby Force. Thereafter they should determine maritime roles and ascertain the requirement of the SMC as contribution to the establishment of the SADC BRIG's maritime component.**
- c. **The team must consult widely with SMC Member States. Thereafter disseminate report to the Member States by the end of October 2005 and Member States are urged to pledge their contributions in the maritime component.**

ROLES OF NAVIES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AT SEA

32. The Committee noted that the ISDSC has accepted the draft Agreement but changed the title to "**SADC Guidelines for Multilateral Law Enforcement at Sea and Large Inland Water Bodies** " and recommended to the Ministerial Committee for the Organ (MCO) that the Chiefs of Defence to sign the document. The Committee directed the SMC Secretariat to obtain the signed document and include it in its publication SADC SMC 1: Organisation and Co-operation: Standing Maritime Committee.

33. Action Taken

The committee noted that the MCO approved the document and it was signed by the Defence Chiefs, during the SADC Summit held in Botswana in August 2005.

34. Recommendation

The committee directed the Secretariat through the SMC Chairperson to establish the status of the signed document and to include it in the SMC publications accordingly.

DOCUMENT CONFIGURATION CONTROL**35. International Publications**

The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting the SMC adopted the Multinational Maritime Operations Manual (MMOPS) and its associated manuals as a basis from which to develop SADC maritime doctrine. The Committee directed the Chair to approach the MMOPS publication authority (USA) to obtain permission for distribution of the Manuals to all SMC Member States.

36. Action Taken

The Committee noted that MMOPS publication authority was approached by the secretariat through the US Embassy in South Africa and still awaiting their response.

SEARCH AND RESCUE CO-OPERATION PLAN (ANGOLA)**37. Restructuring of the Plan.**

The Committee noted that the ISDSC has approved that the agreement between Kenya, Seychelles and Tanzania be adopted as a source of reference for the SADC SAR Co-operation Plan and the Committee directed the following:

- a. Angola to determine the existence and status of other SADC agreements on SAR to ensure alignment of the SMC SAR Co-operation Plan.
- b. Member States to submit their comment on the agreement between Kenya, Seychelles and Tanzania (as a source of reference for the SADC SAR Co-operation Plan) to Angola by end of November 2004.
- c. Angola to distribute a draft agreement for the SADC coastal region by May 2005.

38. Action Taken

The Committee noted that the tripartite agreement was submitted to the Member States for comments.

39. Recommendation

The Committee directed the following timeframes:

- a. **Member States to submit their comments on the approved agreement by end of November 2005.**
- b. **Angola to distribute a draft agreement for the SADC coastal region by May 2006.**

40. Combination of the Force Support and Search and Rescue Databases – (Angola/Mozambique)

The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting it granted an extension for completion of this activity to August 2004 and further directed the following:

- a. Member States to submit updated information on the SAR and Force Support databases to Angola and Mozambique respectively by the end of September 2004.
- b. Databases to be merged by the Chairperson by the end of October 2004 and renamed the “SMC Database”.
- c. The SMC Secretariat stores and manages the SMC database and promulgates it to all Member States on completion of the annual meeting.

41. Recommendation

The Committee directed that member states to submit database to Angola and Mozambique before end of September 2005. Thereafter database submitted to the Secretariat updated and renamed the “SMC Database”.

FORCE SUPPORT CO-OPERATION PLAN (MOZAMBIQUE)

42. Paper Exercise to Evaluate the SOP

The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting it granted South Africa extension of the submission of a phased plan to December 2004.

43. Action Taken

The Committee noted that South Africa requested extension of submission of the matter.

44. Recommendation

The Committee granted South Africa an extension to evaluate the plan and submit its result by December 2005. Secretary to ensure specific Directorate in the SA Navy complies with the instruction.

NAVAL TRAINING CO-OPERATION PLAN (SOUTH AFRICA)

45. Establishment of a SADC Centre of Excellence for Naval Training

The Committee noted that South Africa appointed a Plan Co-coordinator charged with responsibility of finalizing the report by November 2004 and further directed that a draft report be distributed to Member States by the end of November 2004 for their comment by the end of February 2005.

46. Action Taken

The Committee noted that the draft report is still in progress and South Africa requested an extension for the submission of the document for comments by Member States.

47. Recommendation

The Committee granted an extension to South Africa to submit the plan to the Member States for comments by December 2005.

NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC CO-OPERATION PLAN (SOUTH AFRICA)

48. The Committee noted that: -

- a. Angola is in the process of applying for membership of the IHO and the SAIHC.
- b. South Africa submitted a copy of its national report to the SAIHC meeting held on 25 to 26 September 2003
- c. The Committee directed the following:
 - i. Other Littoral Member States to follow the initiative taken by Angola regarding membership of international Hydrographic bodies.
 - ii. The Secretariat be given extension to the end of October 2005 to determine the status of the MOU on "Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection". SADC Secretariat be approached on the matter.
 - iii. South Africa should draw the attention of the SAIHC to the concerns of the SMC as reflected in the SMC Hydrographic Co-operation Plan.

49. Action Taken

The Committee welcomed South Africa to brief the Chief Delegates on IHO and SAIHC.

50. Recommendation

The Committee recommended the following:-

- a. **To sensitize Governments of Member States on the advantages of providing these services.**
- b. **The issue of Membership to IHO and SAIHC be attended to as a matter of priority.**

- c. Establishment of centralized authority (responsibility is sometimes fragmented amongst a number of Government Departments).
- d. Prepare a “holistic” appreciation and plan.
- e. Identification of hydrographic projects.
- f. Obtain support for the plan and projects.
- g. Any development should generate its own funds and become self-sustaining.
- h. Donor and funding agencies to be approached if necessary.
- i. Project managers and contractors be appointed.
- j. Identification of technical and equipment requirements.
- k. Assessment and provision of necessary training.

NAVAL CO-ORDINATION AND GUIDANCE OF SHIPPING (NCAGS) CO-OPERATION PLAN (SOUTH AFRICA)

51. The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting South Africa submitted a reviewed Plan of Action to promote the expertise and co-operation required to establish a SADC organisation for NCAGS.

52. **Action Taken**

The Committee noted that the Plan of Action was implemented accordingly and South Africa will brief the meeting on the aim to confirm the SADC SMC's agreement to the recommended way forward regarding the SADC NCAGS organization operating policy, plan and principles.

53. **Recommendations**

The Committee recommended the following:

- a. SADC NCAGS Working Group meeting to be held on 8th to 11th November 2005 in Pretoria.
- b. Part 1 SADC NCAGS Course to be held in February 2006 – Cape Town RSA.
- c. All SADC Member States be invited to attend SA Navy Deep Blue NCAGS exercise in RSA in July 2006 (minimum of 2 members per country).

- d. **SADC NCAGS Working Group meeting to be scheduled in July 2006, coinciding with Deep Blue exercise.**
- e. **Attend Ex Transoceanic XXI as observer/participant in August 2006 Adopt/confirm SADC NCAGS Co-operation plan objectives.**
- g. **Consideration of attendance for overseas courses.**
- h. **English to remain as official NCAGS Operational language.**
- i. **Part 2 SADC NCAGS Course to be held in October 2006 and February 2007 – Cape Town, South Africa.**

COUNTRY BRIEFS

54. The committee noted that country briefings were discouraged in all Meetings under the SADC Organ with exception of Member States with specific issues, which need special attention by the Region.

OTHER BUSINESS

55. Disaster Management

The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting the Secretariat was directed to investigate the degree to which the maritime dimension is being addressed in the planning and execution of disaster management within SADC. The Committee granted an extension for finalization to the end of December 2004, and directed the Secretariat to obtain the information through the ISDSC channels.

56. Action Taken

The Committee noted that the Secretariat requested the extension to obtain the relevant information to the end of December 2005

57. Recommendation

The Committee granted an extension of time to obtain information from SADC Secretariat on planning and execution of disaster management to the end of December 2005.

58. Non-Attendance of Member States at SMC Activities.

The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting, due to the concern that certain member States did not attend the activities of the SMC for a number of years, letters had been written by Secretariat to the respective Member States and that the OSSC urge the same to attend activities of the ISDSC Forums and to report when they experience problems in doing so.

59. Action taken

The Committee noted that the continuous absence by SADC Member States to SMC meeting was cause for great concern. Mauritius sent an apology.

60. Recommendation

The Committee recommended that in order to ensure continuity Member States be encouraged to demonstrate willingness and commitment through attending future meetings.

61. Communication

The Committee noted that:

- a. Given that ISDSC has directed that websites for individual Standing Committees and Workgroups were not allowed, the Telecommunications and Information (TI) Workgroup was directed to investigate a network for ISDSC. Other Standing Committees and Workgroups are to input their requirements to the TI Workgroup. Further directed that the outcome of the TI Workgroup be awaited before a feasibility study is conducted to determine the scope of SMC participation in an ISDSC website.
- b. South Africa's offer to draw up a list of requirements was accepted by the Committee with appreciation.

62. Action Taken

The Committee noted that feasibility study to determine the scope of SMC participation in an ISDSC website has not been completed.

63. Recommendation

The Committee directed the Secretariat to draw up the list on the matter by the end of October 2005.

OBSERVERS

64. The committee noted and accepted the proposition that a hosting nation can bring in observers from among their officers to attend SMC meetings for the sake of broadening their knowledge.

VENUE AND DATES FOR NEXT ANNUAL SMC MEETING

65. Host

The Committee recommended that Tanzania hosts the next SMC Annual meeting and South Africa to be an alternative venue.

66. Dates of Next Meeting

The Committee recommended that SMC Annual Meeting 2006 be programmed as follows: -

- a. Work Session: 21st - 23rd August 2006.
- b. SMC Meeting: 24th - 26th August 2006.

HANDING OVER OF THE CHAIR

67. Namibia took over the chair of SMC from South Africa.

CLOSURE**68. Closing remarks by the Host State**

The closing remarks are at Appendix D.

69. Approval of the Record of the Meeting

The Committee approved the record of the meeting after perusal.

70. Handover of SMC Chair

The SMC Chair was officially transferred from South Africa to Namibia by the signing of the Handover Certificates by V Adm J. Mudimu on behalf of South Africa and Cdr SNB Nghipandua, on behalf of Namibia, respectively.

71. Incoming Chairperson's Remarks

Cdr SNB Nghipandua, on behalf of Capt Vilho, the Commander of Namibian Navy as the new Chair, thanked the outgoing Chairperson for his excellent leadership and guidance of the SMC during the previous one year during which he chaired the SMC. He also thanked the Member States for their co-operation during his time as a member of the SMC. He also added his appreciation to the secretary for his dedicated service and his valuable contribution during the meeting.

72. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1300B on 26 August 2005.

APPROVAL

This record is mandatory with effect from 29 August 2005



(J. MUDIMU)

**CHIEF OF THE SA NAVY: VICE ADMIRAL: SOUTH AFRICA
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING MARITIME COMMITTEE**

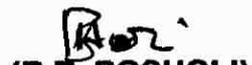


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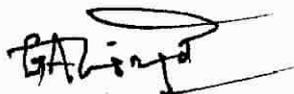


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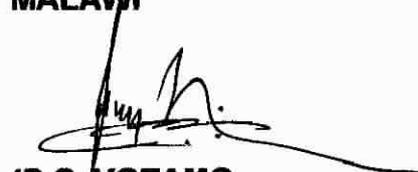


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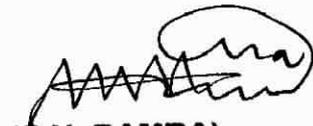
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**COMMANDING OFFICER: COLONEL
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(P.C. YOTAMO)
**CHIEF OF THE MOZAMBIQUE NAVY: VICE ADMIRAL
MOZAMBIQUE**



(S.N. BAMBA)
SHIP COMMANDER: COMMANDER
NAMIBIA



(J. M. SHONGWE)
INSPECTOR GENERAL: LIEUTENANT COLONEL
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(J.A. LISAKAFU)
NAVY COMMANDER: BRIGADIER GENERAL
TANZANIA



(J.A. BULAWAYO)
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERS: COLONEL
ZAMBIA



(J. MUJAJI) J. S. MUJAJI
DIRECTOR GENERAL PROGRAMMES: BRIGADIER GENERAL
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Chairperson of the Standing Maritime Committee,

Vice Admiral J. Mudimu.

Welcoming Address, Opening Event, 11th Meeting of the SMC,
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Navy Chiefs and Heads of Delegation

Distinguished Delegates,

Invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great honour and a very humbling experience for me to be accorded this unique opportunity, to not only Chair for the first time the Annual Meeting of SMC 2005 in this historic and scenic naval base at Simon's Town, but also to host the 11th Meeting of the SMC. On behalf of all delegates I like to express my profound gratitude to the Executive Officer Naval Base Simon's Town, Capt R.R. Goveia, for accepting and having welcomed all delegates at the official welcoming function on Monday evening the 21st of August, regardless of his tight programme.

I would like to take this opportunity with the indulgence of my colleagues to convey our sincere appreciations for being given the opportunity to host this meeting. We trust that the arrangements will be up to the standard set by previous hosts, that the reception and hospitality accorded to you will do the "Fairest Cape" proud. We will go out of way to ensure that optimum conference facilities and services are at our disposal.

I am sure most of us have already seen parts of the Cape Peninsula, and have enjoyed the cordial hospitality of our brothers and sisters in the Western Cape.

This is also a great moment to congratulate the peoples of Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana, and Tanzania in the manner they conducted their General elections in the period after the 10th SMC Meeting held in Windhoek, Namibia. We commend their respective defence forces for their neutral stance throughout the elections as is required by professional Defence Forces.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend all respective Defence Forces HQ for having made it possible for the Navy Chiefs and heads of delegations and their delegations to attend this important meeting. This is a clear indication of a spirit of comradeship and cooperation, which need to be fostered and enhanced for the future generation. I wish to recognize the presence tomorrow Col L. Mata Linguma, of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Navy and his delegation for the second time at the SMC.

The SADC Organ is aware of the role of the navies, but we need to draw up strategies within the Strategic Indicative Programme of the Organ – SIPO- , for common maritime security in our region, covering specified areas of peace keeping, disaster management, counter terrorism and conflict resolutions. Our maritime strategies must conform to our realities. While we concentrate to analyse our maritime strategies we must question the relevancy of our tasks to the aspiration of our own people and ensure the best way in which to accomplish them.

To this end, the South African Navy takes great pride in confirming that the planning and execution of the very first "Seapower for Africa" Symposium is on track. The majority of this Delegation will be attending the Symposium at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town during the first part of next week. We trust that the 25 African countries which have accepted the invitation will benefit from the Symposium, for its intention is to address most of the issues which I have outlined- at regional and continental levels.

I request all delegates to apply their minds during our deliberations, so as to produce effective recommendations that will assist our Defence Chiefs to make the correct decisions. With those few remarks, it is my great honour to welcome you all here, and I wish us all a successful SMC Meeting.

APPENDIX B

**11TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STANDING MARITIME COMMITTEE OF THE
ISDSC: SIMON'S TOWN: 25 AND 26 AUGUST 2004: RECORD OF
ATTENDANCE**

CHAIRPERSON

V Adm J. Mudimu

South Africa

Chief of SA Navy

HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

PRESENT	REPRESENT	APPOINTMENT
Adm A. Da Cunha	Angola	Vice Chief of the Angolan Navy Staff
Capt (N) L. Mata Linguma	DRC	Chief of Operations Department and Training
Brig B.R. Posholi	Lesotho	Lesotho Defence Force Airwing Commander
Col G.A. Ziyabu	Malawi	Commanding Officer
V Adm P.C. Yotamo	Mozambique	Chief of Mozambique Navy
Cdr S.N.B. Nghipandua	Namibia	CO NPV ORYX
Lt Col J.M. Shongwe	Swaziland	Inspector General, Swaziland Defence Force
Brig Gen J.A. Lisakafu	Tanzania	Navy Commander
Col J.A. Bulawayo	Zambia	Director of Engineers
Brig Gen J. Mujaji	Zimbabwe	Director General Programmes, Zimbabwe Defence HQ Harare
SUPPORTING STAFF		
Capt (N) R.F. Júnior	Angola	SO1 Naval Military Information
Lt Cdr D. Van-Dúnem da Fonseca	Angola	Staff Officer Operation Planning (Navy)
Lt Col I. Mpeko	DRC	Chief of Intelligence Department
Maj T. Ntsohi	Lesotho	OC Support Services
Capt J.J. Mphuka	Malawi	Marine Deck Officer
Capt M. Magagula	Mozambique	Chief of Engineering Department
Cdr A.P. Amungulu	Namibia	Ship Commander
Lt (N) G. Pandeni	Namibia	Executive Officer (Ship)
Lt (JG) (N) F.H. Nghilondwa	Namibia	Logistic Officer
R Adm (JG) B.R. Donkin	South Africa	Director Naval Policy & Doctrine, Navy Office
Capt (N) F.C. Van Rooyen	South Africa	SSO Maritime Strategy, Navy Office
Maj R.S. Laswai	Tanzania	DS Command And Staff College
Capt G M Itangáre	Tanzania	Staff officer – Defence HQ
Maj A.A. Mwemjudi	Tanzania	SO Pers
Lt Col W. Dube	Zimbabwe	SO1 Policy Desk 3

SECRETARIAT		
Mr D. Duvenage	South Africa	Technical Support
WO1 E.S. Harris	South Africa	Telephone Support
CPO C. Laskey	South Africa	Logistic Support
CPO A. Oosthuizen	South Africa	IT Support

2005 SMC MEETING: APPROVED AGENDA

ITEM AND SUBJECT	REMARKS
WELCOMING AND CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS	Chair
ATTENDANCE	Secretary
ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA	Chair
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR DESIGNATE	Committee
TABLING OF THE ANNOTATED AGENDA BY WORKGROUP	Work Session Chairman tables the annotated agenda for adoption as a working document for the meeting. Note: <u>Subjects in the annotated agenda will become Items for the meeting.</u>
REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SMC	
DATES AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING AND WORK SESSION COUNTRY BRIEFS	Committee
OTHER BUSINESS Disaster Management Non-Attendance of Member States at SMC Activities Communication Observers.	

ITEM AND SUBJECT	REMARKS
CLOSURE	
1. Closing Remarks by the Host State and Chairperson. 2. Approval of the Record of the Meeting. 3. Change over of Secretariat incumbent. 4. Handover of Chair. 5. Incoming Chairperson's Remarks.	

APPENDIX D

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STANDING MARITIME COMMITTEE 2005

**CLOSING REMARKS BY THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN
V ADM J. MUDIMU**

*The Incoming Chairperson Cdr SNB Nghipandua (Acting Commander Namibia Navy)
Navy Chiefs and Heads of Delegation
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen.*

Fellow heads of Navy and distinguished delegates, I feel very honoured to have welcomed and chaired a purposeful SMC Meeting here in Job Masego Wardroom.

This has been a successful SMC Meeting where we interacted and collectively reflected on maritime matters that shape of future strategic plans. We looked critically on the roles of our coastal Navies and on landlocked members.

I think, I reflect your collective view when I state that over the last two days we enjoyed the deliberations and interacting with one another, and we now know each other better.

We touched in great length the importance of Search and Rescue Operations, hydrographic surveying, the issues around doctrines and procedures, information exchange, warship support and law enforcement at sea. We appreciated roles of navies in law enforcement at sea, matter of configuration control – issues of naval training co-operation plans – we seriously touched on Naval Co-ordination And Guidance of Shipping (NCAGS) Co-operation Plan.

I have been delighted by the response received on our plans ito of being action orientated.

We together agreed that what unites and makes us strong is working together in an environment that some of our colleagues do not understand - the love of sea which is the life line of any self respecting nation. We know that the economic growth depends on goods being transported by sea. As a result it is navies that can guarantee to keep sea lines of communication accessible for passage, trade and livelihood.

The value of the sea cannot be over emphasized. Untold wealth still lies untapped in the sea and beneath the seabed for harnessing by the current and future generations.

However poaching and illegal fishing outline the danger facing us all, if drastic measures are not taken now to curb this plunder we would fail our people.

We noted during our deliberations that some member states have no commensurate capability to carry out tasks expected of them. Such functions and tasks can be achieved through co-operative action and joint ventures by member states.

I'm mindful of the fact that due to costs we might not realise all our objectives, but our collective enterprise will lessen the burden – so lets put all our hands together and steer the ship towards a right direction.

The fact that over the years we were able to gather and reflect on common maritime matters is part of demonstratable friendship of willing people who want to achieve – these meetings definitely enable us to know each other better and to exchange views and plans.

I leave the chairpersonship memorable spectacle of a winning team behind it; making a difference in how navies are perceived and how they should be respected.

Members, we agreed over the last two days that the environment or terrain where we operate has the potential of being cruel and pledged that closer co-operation will help us prevent disasters at sea.

Though we never reflected to tragic events which took place in the Indian Ocean at the end of last year, the Tsunami disasters – we recognize that dangers facing humanity today could also affect us – so our love for the sea and the closeness we share makes us respect it. Hence we emphasized issues of training.

I would like to wish you fair winds as we move to the closing session of this our memorable gathering. And wish Namibia, the incoming chair, success as they will carry us forward in achieving on all deliberations we made.

I wish all participants excellent weekend before we proceed to the “Sea Power for Africa” Symposium and wish that we carry forward the positive attitude we demonstrated over the last two days.

I will leave you members under the care of Capt Van Rooyen to voyage with you through Simon's Town in the next two days. I think he should help make it possible for those who want to visit Robben Island to do so on Saturday, the Table Mountain group should enjoy the scenery.

Allow me members, before I take leave to thank Captain Van Rooyen for excellent work of co-ordinating all activities prior of meeting and in the same vein thank all members of the preparatory Committee for the sterling work they did in the last three days. On behalf of the head of the delegation we say BRAVO ZULU.