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**12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING MARITIME COMMITTEE (SMC) OF THE INTERSTATE DEFENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE (ISDSC): DAR-ES-SALAAM, TANZANIA: 21<sup>ST</sup>- 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2006**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Working Group session of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Standing Maritime Committee (SMC) of the ISDSC was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2006. The Meeting of Chief Delegates 24 – 25 August 2006 was chaired by Namibia and 10 Member States were present.

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

2. The meeting was officially opened by General GM Waitara, The Chief of Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces. The full text of his remarks is at Appendix A.

**ATTENDANCE**

3. Apologies were received from Botswana, Mauritius, Madagascar and Zambia. 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 Tanzania, 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**

**CO-OPERATION ISSUES**

6. Implementation of Plans and Decisions

7. The committee recalled that SMC at its meeting held in Simons Town South Africa in August 2005 directed that: -

- i. Progress Report of the SMC Co-operation Plans be submitted to the Chairperson through the Secretariat annually by February each year instead of biannually.
- ii. SAR plan be submitted to the relevant SADC Forums according to the following time frame:
  - (1) South Africa distributes the edited English version to member states for comment by end of 2005.
  - (2) Member states comment by the end of February 2006.

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- 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.

Nodal points should be effectively utilised in all SMC communications.

#### 8. **Action Taken**

The Committee noted that:

- a. No progress reports had been submitted to the Chairperson on time.
- b. South Africa had received the SAR Co-operation Plan from Angola. In order to improve on the English translation, it had been sent to its Language Bureau, from which it had not yet been received. At the same time, the Secretariat noted that SAR Co-operation was already contained in the International Maritime Organisation's Search and Rescue Convention, which the majority of states had ratified Convention, which belong to the United Nations.
- c. South Africa was not able to produce progress reports in February 2006, but the progress reports (Multinational Force Preparation, Naval Training, Hydrography and Naval Coordination and Guidance of Shipping [NCAGS]) were ready for submission to this Worksession.
- d. There is a need to hold Multinational exercises.
- e. The Force Support Plan (Mozambique) is available in the Publication SMC 1. This Plan was integrated with the Search and Rescue data base by a combined worksession between the Secretariat/South Africa and Angola in June 2006, in Pretoria.
- f. There had been an omission in that the SAR Co-operation Plan (Angola) had not been translated into French.

#### 9. **Recommendations.** The Committee recommended the following:

- a. That the SAR Co-operation Plan be translated into French as well, and that the DRC be given this responsibility to translate this version into French by November 2006. The Secretary is to follow up on appropriate action by the DRC by December 2006.
- b. That South Africa releases the officially translated version of the SAR Co-operation Plan submitted by Angola to all SADC countries by November 2006, and that comments from member states be submitted to the Chair via the Secretary by February 2007.
- c. Progress Reports of the SMC Co-operation Plans be submitted to the Chairperson through the Secretariat annually by February each year instead of bi-annually.
- d. Approve the concept of SADC Multinational Exercises to be conducted once in every two years.

- e. **Member states be encouraged to conduct exercises on bilateral arrangements.**
- f. **Undertake to promote and get approval from nation authorities so as to undertake mandated actions.**
- g. **RSA be mandated to initiate and execute planning in consultation with member states.**
- h. **Member States to communicate with SA Navy in order to indicate their degree and level of their participation.**

10. **Information Exchange.** The Committee recalled that there was a need for information exchange on various cross-cutting issues among SMC member states, ISDSC sub-structures and other international bodies. Chair was directed to determine the implications of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Defence Intelligence Exchange which was signed by the Defence Chiefs in July 2004, and the for the SMC.

11. **Action Taken.** The committee noted the following:

- a. The issue was not discussed during the Annual Meeting of the Operations Sub-Sub Committee (OSSC).
- b. An implication for the SMC of the MOU on Defence Intelligence Exchange is that, normally, the Defence Intelligence Standing Committee submits to the OSSC Regional Intelligence Estimates, which contains issues, which relate to Maritime Security for consideration by Defence Chiefs.

12. **Recommendations.** The Committee recommended that:

- a. **Information exchange on various cross-cutting issues among SMC member states and ISDSC sub-structures coordinated by DISC be strengthened.**
- b. **Chairperson should submit the issue as an agenda item of the OSSC.**

13. **Doctrine and Procedures.** The committee recalled that the SMC landlocked countries with inland waters were encouraged to initiate relevant riverine/lake exercises and to institutionalise Exercise INTEROP, doctrine and procedures in co-operation with coastal countries.

14. **Action Taken**

- a. The Committee noted that various factors precluded the initiation of inland water exercises. These included the lack of equipment and resources.
- b. DRC has offered to initiate these exercises, details of which will be provided as soon as the political situation there has stabilised. The DRC would conduct planning in the period May/June/July 2007, with execution the year after. Should a stable political situation not occur, the initiation of these exercises will be postponed.
- c. To a large extent, Exercise INTEROP (EAST and WEST) has been institutionalised; and a number of member states have made use of the opportunities presented to participate in various INTEROP exercises. This included sending observers, exercises with boats and other assets (for instance diving exercises) when INTEROP ships visited SADC ports and

harbours.

15. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that
- a. The DRC be given the go-ahead to initiate SADC Riverine exercises at an opportune time after the stabilisation of its political situation.
  - b. Member states are encouraged to participate in both the planning and execution of these exercises, as far as possible.
  - c. Invitations be availed timely to all Member States in order to allow full participation.
16. **Co-operation Plan Revision Guidelines.** The committee recalled that Member states coordinating SMC Co-operation Plans were suppose to review the plans and submit them for comments by member states before the end of 2005
17. **Action Taken** The Committee noted that Member States coordinating Co-operation Plans (Angola for the SAR Plan, Mozambique for the Force Support Plan, South Africa (Multinational Force Preparation, Naval Training, Hydrography and NCAGS) did not submit the review of their plans by that date. However, a number of the plans have since been reviewed, and will be distributed for review to the 2006 SMC Meeting.
18. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that
- a. Plans that are ready for review and comments by member states are to be distributed at the SMC Meeting2006.
  - b. All Member States to submit their comment by November 2006 under the coordination of the Secretary in consultation with the incoming Chairperson.

#### ISDSC DOCUMENTATION

19. **Draft Indicative Plan for the Organ (SIPO).** The Committee noted that draft implementation framework has been finalised, but that the SIPO Workshop that had been re-scheduled from September 2005 to 29 March-01 April 2006, had no SMC representation. SIPO is available in electronic format. The Implementation Action Plan for SIPO is in the process of finalisation and the next workshop is scheduled for October 2006.
20. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that:
- a. In order to become *au fait* with SIPO issues which may impact on the SMC, standard command and control lines are to be followed by the Chair, who will ensure that SMC member states are kept abreast of developments on defence and related maritime issues.
  - b. SIPO be included in the CD-ROM of the Record of the SMC's 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
21. **Secretarial Services.** The Committee recalled that it was recommended that the SMC Secretariat be assisted by one officer from the SMC Chair to coordinate various SMC matters, and when required he will join the SMC Secretariat in South Africa.
22. **Action Taken.** The Committee noted that in compliance, Namibia temporarily seconded an

officer to assist the Secretariat in July 2006.

23. **Recommendation.** The Committee commended Namibia on this action, and further encouraged other member states to do likewise in order to augment the human resource requirement of the Secretariat.

24. **Maritime Security.** The committee recalled that with the specific reference to the implementation of the International Maritime Organisation's *International Ship and Port Security Code* (ISPS Code), the Secretariat had been directed to submit the SMC's concerns to the OSSC regarding the non-involvement of Defence agencies by other government departments.

25. **Action Taken.** The Committee noted that:

- a. The issue was not discussed during the 2006 OSSC Meeting.
- b. Coastal states of the SADC were requested to indicate their degree of compliance with ISPS Code. Non-compliance could have adverse economic results for the maritime sector.
- c. There was a good level of compliance amongst coastal states. Unfortunately, the island states (Madagascar, Mauritius) were not present to report on their degree of compliance.

26. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that:

- a. The issue of non-involvement of Defence agencies by other government departments be re-submitted for consideration by the OSSC.
- b. Those coastal and island states, which are not yet ISPS Code compliant, do so as a matter of urgency, as its compliance would serve individual states' maritime economic interests.

#### **INSTITUTE FOR MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (IMT) AND SADC CONFERENCE**

27. The Committee recalled that South Africa were commended for hosting the "Seapower for Africa" Symposium, but that the SADC Conference planning proceed as planned.

28. **Action Taken.** The committee noted that South Africa has initiated planning action so that IMT may host SADC Conference on 15 and 16 November 2006. The conference theme is "SADC Regional Maritime Co-operation". Papers will be developed around this theme.

29. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that:

- a. The SADC conference proceeds as planned.
- b. Documentation, which initiated the IMT SADC conference, be included in the CD-ROM of the Record of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SMC.
- c. South Africa urges IMT to develop papers centred around the SADC Conference theme, noted above.

#### **AFRICA STANDBY FORCE**

The Committee recalled that SMC at its meeting held in Simons Town in August 2005 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 SADCBRIG 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.

30. **Action Taken.** The Committee is invited to note that the workgroup was briefed by Tanzania on an overview of the SADCBRIG process including its Maritime Component and noted the following:

- a. The ISDSC, in its meeting held in July 2006, had postponed the inauguration of the SADCBRIG (the SADC contribution to the Africa Standby Force) by one year, to 2007.
- b. There is no maritime officers in the Planning element.
- c. In line with adopted concept for the establishment of the SADCBRIG stipulated in the modality report, the employment of the Maritime component vary from a single trip to deploy a small element to a long term sustainment and support of a scenarios 5 mission in a hostile environment and which in particular includes the following elements to be considered:
  - i. Command and Control.
  - ii. Harbour Services.
  - iii. **Inland Maritime Capabilities:**
    1. Riverine Operations.
    2. Lakes.
    3. Harbours and Estuaries.
    4. Operational Diving Teams.
  - iv. **Combat Support Ship**
    1. Negotiations Platform.
    2. Medical Capability.
    3. Command and Control Platform.

- v. Amphibious Capability.
- vi. Maritime Transport.
- vii. Surface Combat
- viii. Naval Blockade.
- ix. In-shore Patrol.
- x. Off-shore Patrol.
- xi. Mine Clearing.

**31. Recommendations. The Committee is invited to recommend the following:**

- a. **The team of three constituted by Tanzania, Angola and South Africa (Chair) to meet and study the maritime role and mission of SADCBRIG and identify the type of naval force element required. The team to complete the task by end March 2007.**
- b. **SMC mandates the Chiefs of Navies of the three countries to represent the committee in the finalisation of the task of the team.**

**ROLES OF NAVIES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AT SEA**

32. The committee recalled that draft Agreement 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. SMC Secretariat was directed through the SMC Chairperson to establish the status of the signed document and to include it in the SMC publications accordingly.

**33. Action Taken. The committee noted that:-**

- a. During the 2005 Summit, Member States consulted on the document and decided that it required further improvement particularly in the Portuguese and French versions. The Republic of Angola needed more time to consult before it could be signed. Accordingly, the document was not signed.
- b. Defence Sub-Committee recommended the Standing Maritime Committee to finalize the harmonization of the document in time for it to be signed during the Annual Meeting of ISDSC.
- c. Chiefs of the Navy requested to revise the document to align it with international trends in law enforcement at sea. Accordingly the Committee recommended the Chiefs of Defence to ensure that the document is finalized and signed during the 2006 Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO).
- d. All member states except Angola finalised their internal legal consultation on the document. Angola is in the process to finalise theirs.

**34. Recommendation. The Committee recommended that:**

- a. **Angola and Mozambique to finalise the process to improve the Portuguese version of the document by end of November 2006.**
- b. **Angola to finalise legal consultations and all related procedures on the document before signatures by the Defence Chiefs in their Meeting in 2007.**

### **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 recommended 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. Further, that in 2006 the status quo remains.

37. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that the Secretariat approaches the United States of America (being the custodian of these unclassified NATO publications) via its Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa, in writing, so as to reply with details of any progress in this matter.

### **SEARCH AND RESCUE CO-OPERATION PLAN (ANGOLA)**

38. **Restructuring of the Plan.** The Committee recalled 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 further 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.

39. **Action Taken.** The meeting noted that:-

- a. The tripartite agreement was submitted to the Member States for comments.
- b. Only Malawi submitted their comments.

40. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that:

- a. **Angola to re-evaluate the document, taking Malawi's contribution into consideration; then re-submit the document for adoption by the SMC by November 2006.**

41. **Combination of the Force Support and Search and Rescue Databases – (Angola/Mozambique).** The meeting recalled that these databases were to be merged by Angola and Mozambique before end of September 2005. Thereafter database submitted to the Secretariat updated and renamed the “SMC Database”.

42. **Action Taken.**

- a. The Committee noted that Angola conducted a staff visit to South Africa to process this work. Mozambique, although giving the intention of being there, did not attend the work session.
- b. The database is now complete, and has been renamed the ‘SMC Database’. The updated database will be included in the CD-ROM, which will be issued at the end of this Meeting.

43. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that:-

- a. Angola be commended for making the effort to conduct the staff visit in order to complete this work.
- b. That member states be encouraged to continuously update relevant information contained in the database, as new facts emerge which may amend information contained in the database.

**FORCE SUPPORT CO-OPERATION PLAN (MOZAMBIQUE)**

44. **Paper Exercise to Evaluate the SOP.** The Committee recalled that SMC At its previous meeting it granted South Africa extension of the submission of a Paper Exercise to evaluate the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Force Support Co-operation Plan to December 2005.

45. **Action Taken.** Accordingly, the Paper Exercise to evaluate the SOP the Force Support Plan (Mozambique) was completed by South Africa and the document will be distributed to member states. The document concludes that the SOP needs to be re-worked, and makes recommendations.

46. **Recommendations.** The Committee recommended that:

- a. Mozambique is to re-work the Standard Operating Procedures that are linked to its Force Support Co-operation Plan, and in so doing, incorporate the recommendations made in the paper evaluation, which had been done by South Africa.
- b. Mozambique, in consultation with RSA is to complete this task by end of November 2006, and once completed, submit for adoption by next meeting of SMC 2007.

**NAVAL TRAINING CO-OPERATION PLAN (SOUTH AFRICA)**

47. **Establishment of a SADC Centre of Excellence for Naval Training.** The Committee recalled that the Committee had granted an extension to South Africa to submit the plan to the Member States for comments by December 2005.

48. **Action Taken.** The committee noted that:

- a. Accordingly, South Africa has developed a comprehensive plan on the 'Establishment of a SADC Centre of Excellence for Naval Training'.
- b. Further, South Africa has developed, through the Institute for Maritime Technology (IMT), an interactive CD-ROM which gives nautical terms; in English, French and Portuguese. An initial scan of the electronic version indicated, however, that the Portuguese version had some errors; and this may be the case with respect to the French version.

49. **Recommendations.** The Committee recommended that:

- a. Member states read, evaluate and comment on this document ('Establishment of a SADC Centre of Excellence for Naval Training'); and give feedback to South Africa by October 2006. Thereafter, the Action Plan is to be carried out according to the timescales submitted in the document.
- b. South Africa be commended on its initiative to produce this electronic nautical dictionary, which will contribute to a common operating language platform. Angola, Mozambique and the DRC are requested to peruse the electronic Anglo-French-Lusophone interactive CD-ROM by the end November 2006 and highlight possible problem areas with South Africa; who will correct the final version of this CD-ROM.

#### NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC CO-OPERATION PLAN (SOUTH AFRICA)

50. The Committee noted that the 2006 Hydrographic Co-operation Plan Report was distributed to member states. The Hydrographic Co-operation Plan Report reiterates in its 2006 Report that the recommendations made during 11<sup>th</sup> SMC Meeting remain valid. Further, the 2006 Report again encourages member states to establish national Hydrographic Committees, join the IHO and initiate and complete national legislative processes to ensure the *de jure* establishment of the various Hydrographic services. The status of the MOU on "Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection" could not be determined.

51. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that:

- a. The issue with regard to the status of the MOU on "Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection" should be pursued by the SMC Secretariat, and be resolved by October 2006.
- b. RSA will provide the copies of the MOU on "Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection" to the Member States by end of September 2006.
- c. Member states should give feedback to the annual meeting of the SMC wrt the status of Hydrography at national level.

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

52. The Committee noted that:

- a. The Plan of Action agreed to at the 11<sup>th</sup> SMC Meeting has to a large degree been carried out. However, it was noted that although South Africa consistently invites

all SMC member states to attend NCAGS courses and exercises, not all SMC members avail themselves of these ongoing opportunities.

- b. It was pointed out by the Franco- and Lusophone countries, that, despite English having been declared the operational language, challenges remain which often prevent attendance by those countries. The proposal was that a period of intense language bridging training be given prior to each NCAGS course, so as to overcome this challenge.
- c. Further, that invitations consistently indicate the number of staff per country which are invited, so as to facilitate planning by member states. In addition, issues such as rank parameters, dress; etc are indicated in the invitations, yet often these guidelines are ignored.
- d. A briefing was given by South Africa, in which its NCAGS Co-operation Plan (in the form of the South Atlantic and Indian Ocean Ship Working Group meeting's minutes) was presented.

**53. Recommendations. The Committee is invited to recommend that:**

- a. **SMC member states are urged to utilise the learning opportunities availed by RSA each year, and to comply with the guidelines laid down in NCAGS invitations.**
- b. **Member States hosting various naval courses annually should avail annual course calendars and timely invitations to other Member States to allow for adequate preparations.**
- c. **As far as possible, intensive language bridging training will be given to those countries which require it.**
- d. **That all SADC countries participate in EX FAIRWAY BUOY and nominate delegates by 1 Feb 07.**
- e. **The SATIOSWG will establish a website, maintained by South Africa, that will link into the SMC website, once established.**
- f. **All SADC countries will be supplied with the RSA NCAGS signal and writing systems for exercise and operational use.**
- g. **All SADC countries will forward area / boundary information with the adjacent counties to the RSA by Jun 07 for the compilation and promulgation by the SA Navy Hydrographer.**
- h. **SA will maintain the Chair and Officer Conducting the Exercise (OCE) until next SMC meeting**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

54. **Disaster Management.** The Committee recalled that at its previous meeting the Secretariat was recommended 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 finalisation to the end of December 2005.

55. **Action Taken.** The committee noted that a paper entitled “Maritime Disaster Management in Africa – An Appraisal of African Experiences and Capabilities” was presented at the "2<sup>nd</sup> Seapower for Africa" Symposium. This paper addresses the degree to which disaster management encompasses the maritime dimension, not only in the SADC region, but also continentally.

56. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that the paper referred above be included in the electronic information, which will accompany the Record of the SMC’s 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

57. **Non-Attendance of Member States at SMC Activities.** The Committee noted Non-participation by certain member states continues.

58. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that SMC Chairperson submits the issue to the OSSC to urge full participation by all SMC members states in SMC activities.

59. **Communication.** The Committee recalled that at the time of its 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting, the Committee noted that feasibility study to determine the scope of SMC participation in an ISDSC website had not been completed. The Committee had therefore recommended the Secretariat to draw up the list of ISDSC website requirements and criteria by the end of October 2005. Subsequently, the SMC Secretariat had obtained information via the South African representative on the Telecommunications and Information (TI) work group of the ISDSC – stating that this work group was moribund, to the extent where such criteria information could not be transmitted, because it did not exist. Further, the South African representative on the TI work group indicated that the issue of a web site should be part of a ‘top-down’ approach, where the ISDSC itself gives recommendation into its subordinate structures’ web links.

60. **Recommendation.** The Committee recommended that the SMC should establish its own website which will later be linked to the ISDSC website.

61. **Naval Co-operation.** The committee was briefed by RSA on Naval Co-operation on Sports (Naval Pentathlon) under the auspices of CISM.

62. **Recommendation.** The committee recommended that:

- a. Approval in principle be given to the introduction of a “Naval Pentathlon” or any other popular sport disciplines.
- b. RSA to be mandated to organise such an event at a time, date and venue to be confirmed.

63. **Progress report.** The committee recommended that

- a. SMC Secretariat must take note of the progress made on various maritime issues raised at previous SMC meetings. It should also take cognisance of the decisions of the OSSC that should be included in the report of the SMC Chairperson during the annual SMC meeting.
- b. Progress from SMC Members on Maritime issues need to be recorded, so that it can be transmitted at the maritime fora including the "Seapower for Africa" Symposium, in line with resolution passed.
- c. SMC Chairperson to be accompanied by SMC Secretary at the annual

meetings of the OSSC.

64. **Language Training.** The committee recommended that language training be encouraged in all Member States, and must not be seen as an inhibiting factor. This can be facilitated as part of an exchange programme to limit costs associated with such training.

#### **HOST, CHAIR, VENUE AND DATES FOR NEXT ANNUAL SMC MEETING**

65. **Host.** The Committee accepted the offer from Malawi to hosts the next SMC Annual Meeting and South Africa to be an alternative venue and further commend Malawi for the offer.

66. **Dates of Next Meeting.** The Committee recommended that SMC Annual Meeting 2007 be programmed as follows:

- a. Work Session: 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007.
- b. SMC Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

67. **Handing over the Chairperson for 2006/7.** The SMC Chair was transferred from Republic of Namibia to the United Republic of Tanzania by the signing of the Handover Certificates by **Commodore P Vilho** on behalf of the Republic of Namibia and **Col SS Omar** on behalf of United Republic of Tanzania, respectively.

#### **CLOSURE**

68. **Incoming Chairperson's/Host Remarks.** These are attached as Appendix B.
69. **Outgoing Chairperson's Closing Remarks.** These are attached as Appendix C.
70. The closing remarks are at Appendix D.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF THE MEETING**

71. The Committee approved the record of the meeting after perusal and were duly signed by Chiefs Delegates.
72. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1500C on 25 August 2006.

Approval

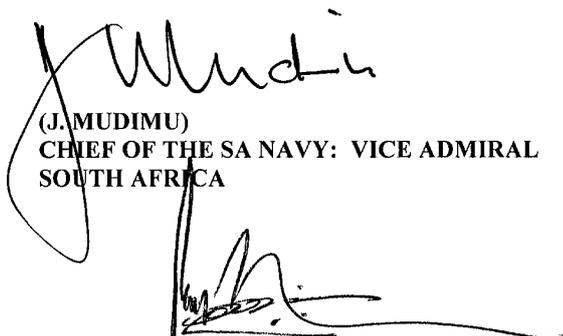
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**(P.H. VILHO)**  
**NAMIBIAN NAVY COMMANDER: COMMODORE**  
**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING MARITIME COMMITTEE**  
**NAMIBIA**



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**VICE CHIEF OF THE ANGOLAN NAVY STAFF: ADMIRAL**  
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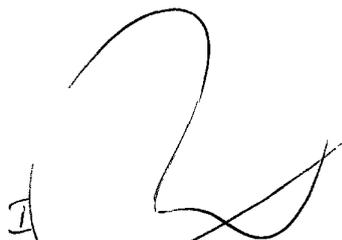


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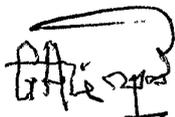
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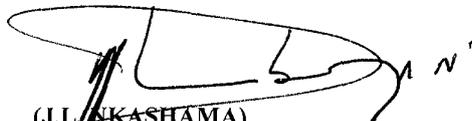
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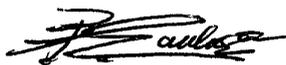
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**12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STANDING MARITIME COMMITTEE  
OF THE ISDSC, DAR-ES-SALAAM, TANZANIA;  
24 AND 25 AUGUST 2006**

**OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON:  
COMMODORE PETER H. VILHO**

Navy Chiefs and Heads of Delegation

Distinguished delegates from the SADC Member States

Ladies and gentlemen:

Today, I feel greatly honoured to chair the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SMC. This is a unique opportunity for me as an individual and for my country in general. It is my belief that we have now all gone past the “stage fright” of hosting and chairing this meeting, and I hope from now on the handover will be less dramatic.

First of all-Ladies and Gentlemen- on behalf of all delegates, I would like to thank (The United Republic of Tanzania) for agreeing to host this annual meeting of the SMC of the ISDSC. We are all well aware of the efforts that go into organizing a meeting of this stature; and therefore I empathise with Col. Said Shaban Omary for being confronted with such a daunting task in his first year in office. However, we have no doubt that the officers and men of the Tanzanian Navy will live up to the task.

Secondly, in my capacity as Chairman, I would also like to welcome the Navy Chiefs and the rest of the delegates to this beautiful and bustling city of Dar-Es-Salaam. I hope you have all settled in and are ready for the task ahead of us.

### **Karibu**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This meeting is taking place at a time when the Southern African Development Community (SADC) is going through a process of the consolidation of democracy in the SADC member states. This development is creating an enabling environment for the region to unlock its economic potential and create wealth for its citizens. However, we are also conscious of the fact that this can only take place if there is a guarantee to peace and security.

The protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation; the Strategic Indicative Plan for the Organ, the SADC Mutual Defence Pact; and the SADC Standby Brigade are all indications that our primary security issues are so closely linked that an individual nations' security cannot be realistically considered in isolation.

Since the beginning of this year and more so now, the conflict in the Middle East notwithstanding, the eyes of the world have been focused on the democratization process in the DRC. And this time around the people of the DRC have proved the detractors and pessimists wrong. They are slowly but surely moving towards peace, unity and national reconciliation.

It is therefore incumbent upon us as a region to do everything necessary through the Protocol on Defence and Security Cooperation to ensure that peace and stability is consolidated in that country. It is equally everyone's hope in this

hall today that the latest skirmishes in Kinshasa and other places are but the last throes of a dying house.

I am also informed that considerable progress has been made with regard to the SADC BRIG of the ASF. After the Interim PLANELM undertook preliminary verifications it was found that the pledges by the Member States did indeed exist. However, the launch that was scheduled to take place at this year's summit has now been postponed to the summit of 2007.

I would also like to draw your attention to another important event the 2<sup>nd</sup> "Seapower for Africa" Symposium 2006, which came in the wake of the 1<sup>st</sup> Symposium that was successfully hosted by South Africa in 2005.

This event, again, gave us an insight into the challenges that affect our brothers and sisters on the continent. A case in point is the progress being made on the Continental Shelf Claim. Whereas for some states the challenge is availability of financial resources, I was baffled to learn that for others no agency or department has been tasked to deal with the survey. Gentlemen, given the current trend of diminishing natural resources, posterity will not forgive us for allowing them to be robbed of their legacy.

Other challenges highlighted at the Symposium were Maritime Security, Charting and Delineation of African Waters, Environmental Degradation, Maritime Disaster Management, ISPS Code, Capacity Building and the Naval Component of the African Standby Force.

With regard to the ASF it was resolved that a naval component comprising of four Naval Task Groups be set up as part of the ASF with pivotal nations as follows: North-Egypt; East-Kenya, South-South Africa and West-Nigeria. And member states were to ensure that this is achieved within a period of four years,

most probably to coincide with the operationalisation of the ASF in 2010.

By and large, I must say that the symposium was a resounding success; although we were not able to give it the momentum that we thought it required at its nascence. The next symposium now only taking place in 2008 in Egypt. Once again I would like us to applaud Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa for the initiative.

As we can see-Ladies and Gentlemen-the tasks facing us are piling up. Some of them have a regional character, others a continental character and still others, an international character. And the best way to avoid being swamped and drowned is to make sure that those tasks that are within our powers to resolve are tackled expediently.

We need not rush ourselves, but we must forge ahead steadily. The lesson of our history is that, great goals are reached step by step, always building on our progress, always gaining ground. And as William Shakespeare once said: “What wound did ever heal but by degrees”

Ladies and Gentlemen

With these few remarks I now have the honour to declare the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SMC officially open.

## APPENDIX B

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STANDING MARITIME COMMITTEE OF THE ISDSC: DAR-ES-SALAAM, TANZANIA: 24 AND 25 AUGUST 2006: RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

## CHAIRPERSON

Cdre P. H. Vilho

Namibia

Navy Commander

## HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

PRESENT	REPRESENT	APPOINTMENT
Adm A. Da Cunha	Angola	Vice Chief of the Angolan Navy Staff
V Adm J. Mudimu	South Africa	Chief of South African Navy
V Adm P.C. Yotamo	Mozambique	Chief of Mozambique Navy
Brig B.R. Posholi	Lesotho	Lesotho Defence Force Airwing Commander
Brig Gen J. Mujaji	Zimbabwe	Director General Programmes, Zimbabwe Defence HQ Harare
Col S.S. Omar	Tanzania	Navy Commander
Col G.A. Ziyabu	Malawi	Commanding Officer
Col J.M. Nkashama	DRC	Deputy Chief Of Staff Congolese Navy
Lt Col J.M. Shongwe	Swaziland	Inspector General, Swaziland Defence Force
Cdr A.P. Amungulu	Namibia	OC NS Dimo Hamaambo
SUPPORTING STAFF		
Capt (N) R.F. Júnior	Angola	SO1 Naval Military Information
Lt Cdr D. Van-Dunem Da Fonseca	Angola	Staff Officer Operation Planning (Navy)
Capt (N) M-L. Liguma	DRC	Chief of Operations and Training Department
Capt L.D. Lichaba	Lesotho	Lesotho Defence Force 2IC Rotor Wing
Lt Cdr P.N. Tjandja	Namibia	Chief of Naval Staff Operations
Lt (JG) N.U. Shalumbu	Namibia	Operations Officer
R Adm (JG) D. Forrest	South Africa	Director Naval Policy & Doctrine
Lt Cdr K.D. Abrahams	South Africa	2IC Simon's Town Military Sports Club

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>REPRESENT</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>
Lt Col R.S. Laswai	Tanzania	DS Command and Staff College
Capt G.M. Itangare	Tanzania	Staff Officer-Defence HQ
Lt Col A.A. Mwemnjudi	Tanzania	Staff Officer Personnel
Col S. Kitundu	Tanzania	Director Naval Plans
Lt Col W.J. Makhala	Tanzania	Commanding Officer
Col Y.K. Ali	Tanzania	Commanding Officer
Col M.S. Masawani	Tanzania	Naval Operations and Training
Col G.A. Lyimo	Tanzania	Commandant
<b>SECRETARIAT</b>		
Capt (N) F.C. Van Rooyen	South Africa	Secretary
Mr D. Duvenage	South Africa	Technical Support
Lt(JG) N.U. Shalumbu	Namibia	Technical Support

## APPENDIX C

**2006 SMC MEETING: APPROVED AGENDA**

<b>ITEM AND SUBJECT</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
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. <b>Note: Subjects in the annotated agenda will become Items for the meeting.</b>
REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SMC	Committee
DATES AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING AND WORK SESSION	
COUNTRY BRIEFS	
OTHER BUSINESS	
<b>CLOSURE</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Closing Remarks by the Host State and Chairperson</li> <li>2. Approval of the Record of the Meeting</li> <li>3. Handover of Chair</li> <li>4. Incoming Chairperson's Remarks</li> </ol>	

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**CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON:  
COMMODORE PETER H. VILHO**

Navy Chiefs and Heads of Delegation

Distinguished delegates from the SADC Member States

Ladies and gentlemen

It is once again an honour for me for having been allowed to chair this meeting over the past two days. Because were it not for your assistance and cooperation, I doubt if this meeting would be as successful as it turned out to be.

First and foremost , I would like to thank all heads of delegation that found time to attend this meeting; and for their active participation and contribution to all the deliberations.

I would also like to thank the United Republic of Tanzania for the wonderful reception and immense hospitality that we enjoyed during our stay . A special word of appreciation goes out to Colonel Said Shaban Omar, the facilitators, the liaison officers, the drivers and those who from behind the scenes contributed to our administrative and logistical requirements.

To Captain van Rooyen, Commander Amungulu and everyone in the Naval Coordinating Workshop I would like to say thank you for your effort in preparing the agenda that enabled us to conduct our meeting successfully.

I would also like to thank the previous Chairman for ensuring a smooth hand-over of the chairmanship, and I will do my best to ensure that the same transpires between me and the incoming Chairperson.

It is of no doubt that you will all agree that important issues were addressed during this meeting, which should further enhance security cooperation among Member States. Although great challenges still lie ahead of us, we have made considerable progress. And to be honest, I leave here with a feeling that we are gradually becoming action oriented. Which bodes well for the committee.

Gentlemen, thank you once more and I would like to conclude by wishing everyone a safe journey back home, good health and the best of success in your future endeavours.

Having said that, I hereby declare the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Standing Maritime Committee officially closed.