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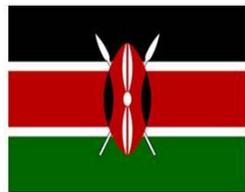
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Strategic Planning Steering Group (SPSG)

➔ WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

A Steering Group meant:

- to develop a draft “**CGPCS Strategic Plan**” for consideration and approval by the CGPCS Plenary Session,
- to maintain and update the **Strategic Plan and any derivative support plans** periodically or as conditions warrant as may be directed by the CGPCS Chair or Plenary.



During the 22nd CGPCS Plenary session, a proposal of the US seconded by Republic of Korea (*Final Communiqué – para 6*) - to establish a **Steering Committee to develop a strategic plan to map out CGPCS priorities**



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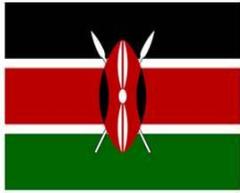
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➔ BACKGROUND

A strategic review of CGPCS was drafted and presented by the University of Copenhagen in 2019 during the Preparatory meeting of the 22nd Plenary session. The report provided:

- 1) Analysis of the CGPCS mechanism and its past reforms
- 2) Consultations with core participants in the CGPCS
- 3) An analysis of the maritime security environment in the Western Indian Ocean, and
- 4) A mapping of maritime security coordination instruments of relevance for the region.



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OBJECTIVES

- Ensure that the *CGPCS remains an agile mechanism*
- Ensure a *holistic approach* for the region
- Ensure *better coordination, increased efficiency*
- *CGPCS* is embedded in a *long-term strategy* for the region
- Ensure *adequate coordination* of different responses to *maritime crimes*
- Bring *coherence*, avoid *duplication* and *overlaps* & achieve *synergies*



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➔ **UPDATE-** The draft Terms of References (ToRs) were sent to members of the CG on 17 August for further inputs by end of August 2019.

Comments were received from Australia, India, Mauritius, Kenya, Portugal, Tanzania, Japan, Russia, Seychelles as well as the UNDP/PA which were compiled by the Secretariat for discussion and validation by members of the Contact Group.

➔ **WAY FORWARD-** TORs will be discussed at today's meeting for FINALISATION and SUBMISSION to next Plenary Session including a PoW.