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Introduction

1. Pursuant to the approval of the 12th Ministerial Meeting of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) held in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic on 29 July 2005, the *ARF Workshop on Capacity Building of Maritime Security* was held on 19-20 December 2005 in Tokyo, Japan. The Workshop was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Masaharu Kohno, Deputy Vice-Minister for Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, and H.E. Mr. Herijanto Soeprapto, Director-General for Asia Pacific and Africa, Department of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.
2. The meeting was attended by representatives of Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, European Union, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America, and Viet Nam. The ARF Unit also participated in the Workshop. Several participants had Experts and Eminent Persons (EEPs) in their respective delegations. The list of delegates is attached as Annex I.
3. The workshop aimed
 - a) to recognize the importance of enhancing countries' capabilities to address the issue of maritime security;
 - b) to identify challenges in building countries' capacity in the field of maritime security;
 - c) to identify the best practice to tackle the problems; and
 - d) to promote further cooperation among the ARF participants to improve their capacity in ensuring maritime security.

4. The Annotated Agenda is attached as Annex II and the Program of Activities is attached as Annex III.

Agenda item 1: Opening Remarks by the Co-Chairs

5. H.E. Mr. Masaharu Kohno, Deputy Vice-Minister for Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, in his opening remarks, welcomed the participants to the Workshop. He highlighted the importance of maritime security for the ARF participants in general, and Japan in particular. He gave a thorough review of the current maritime security situation and maintained that maritime security was significant to the economic growth of the region. He also stressed that maritime security was trans-national thus required cooperation and coordination under international and multilateral frameworks. He was pleased that the ARF had intensified efforts in addressing the threats of maritime security and needed to move from "words" to "action" in order to take effective measures. He hoped that the Workshop would serve as a meaningful opportunity for the ARF participants to exchange views and ideas to improve their capacity and to promote further mutual cooperation. The opening remarks of H.E. Mr. Kohno appear as Annex IV.
6. H.E. Mr. Herijanto Soeprapto, Director-General for Asia Pacific and Africa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, in delivering his opening remarks, expressed his appreciation to be a co-chair with Japan in this important maritime security Workshop. He emphasized the timely manner of the Workshop and shared the view that the Workshop would contribute to the enhancement of ARF participants' understanding and production of more concrete and beneficial cooperative programmes on this particular important issue. He highlighted the strategic role that maritime security played in bridging people around the world. He emphasized that ARF had taken intensified steps towards combating threats to maritime security through the issuance of, among others, ARF Statement on Cooperation against Piracy and Other Threats to Maritime Security as well as the implementation of other concrete measures. He viewed that though a lot had been done, more efforts were needed to enhance maritime security, particularly in the field of capacity building. The opening remarks of H.E. Mr. Herijanto appear as Annex V.

Agenda item 2: Follow-up of Previous ARF CBMs regarding Maritime Security

7. In this Agenda item, the host countries of the previous ARF CBMs regarding maritime security made presentations on their CBMs with a view to highlighting outstanding issues in capacity building of maritime security.

Presentations

8. The following presentations were made by respective presenters.
- a) ARF Workshop on Maritime Security by Mr. Norjufri Nizar Edrus, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia (Annex VI)
 - b) ARF CBM on Regional Cooperation in Maritime Security by Mr. Kwok Fook Seng, Deputy Director/Special Projects, Southeast Asia Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore (Annex VII)
 - c) ARF Workshop on Training for Cooperative in Maritime Security by Dr. Jitendra Nath Misra, Joint Secretary, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, India (Annex VIII)
9. In its presentation, Malaysia informed the meeting of its newly operational Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA). Malaysia also highlighted the efforts taken by Malaysia and other ARF countries in maritime security and safety especially in the Malacca and Singapore Straits. The participants discussed various ways to enhance capacity building, taking into account the discussions held earlier at the previous meeting. These could include creation of a database which could identify existing bilateral and multilateral initiatives on a voluntary basis. They concurred that such a database should also be able to identify the maritime agencies of various ARF participants and if possible focal points. These suggestions need to be explored among the littoral states.
10. The meeting noted that this series of maritime security CBMs had produced a number of useful proposals for concrete cooperation. This provided a solid basis to translate the ideas discussed into concrete actions. As a first step, the meeting agreed to undertake a stocktaking of ongoing maritime security cooperation among the participants.

Agenda item 3: National Capacity Building for Maritime Security

Presentations

11. The following presentations were made by respective presenters.
 - a) Australia: Mr. John Kilner, Acting Executive Director, Office of Transport Security, Department of Transport and Regional Services (Annex IX)
 - b) Japan: Mr. Hiromichi Nakamura, Senior Liaison Officer, International Affairs & Crisis Management Division, Japan Coast Guard (Annex X)

Discussion

12. The participants highlighted the importance of maritime security to international and regional peace and security given their strategic role in global trade and economy. The Workshop emphasized that institutional arrangements, legal frameworks and resources contributed to better capacity building in maritime security. They noted the importance of inter-agency coordination in order to determine national capacity building requirements.
13. They reiterated their commitment to continue to work together with a view to sustaining successful cooperative efforts in capacity building as well as in sharing of information, experience and lessons learnt. Australia circulated a paper outlining the coastwatch model of a civil contracted aerial surveillance regime that might be an appropriate, cost-effective model for other countries or groups of countries.
14. The workshop welcomed the contribution to regional capacity building for maritime security being made by the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP), including the provision at the meeting of the monograph on "Capacity Building for Maritime Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific."

Agenda item 4: Mutual Cooperation among ARF Members on Capacity Building for Maritime Security

Presentations

15. The following presentations were made by respective presenters.
 - a) Indonesia: Mr. Febrian A. Ruddyard, Deputy Director, Directorate of

Intra-Regional Cooperation for Asia Pacific and Africa, Department of Foreign Affairs (Annex XI)

- b) Russian Federation: Mr. Alexander Ignatov, Deputy Director, Department of ASEAN & Asia Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Annex XII)
- c) Thailand: Ms. **Prangtip Kongridhisuksakorn**, Second Secretary, Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Oral presentation)
- d) Singapore: Colonel Dexter Chia, Deputy Commander, Coastal Command, Republic of Singapore Navy (Annex XIII)
- e) Pakistan: CAPT Mohammad **Mohsin** Mirza, Deputy Director General, Maritime Security Agency (Annex XIV)

Discussion

16. The Workshop underlined the importance of the application of basic international and regional principles, conventions and institutional frameworks for cooperation among ARF participants on capacity building of maritime security such as the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982. In that connection, they welcomed cooperation in maritime security with full respect to sovereignty of littoral states and at an incremental pace comfortable to all.
17. Some participants noted the holistic approach to threats to maritime security including safety of navigation and environmental protection. They welcomed the extensive programme of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, including exercises, between ARF members. They also noted the initiatives to further enhance these maritime security capacity building arrangements in various domains such as planning, networking, information sharing, determination of national and regional objectives, conduct of needs assessments, **interoperability** enhancement, technical assistance and training, operational solutions as well as cooperation with Industry. These suggestions however need to be further explored.
18. The participants noted that currently there was a satisfactory degree of cooperation in maritime capacity building among the ARF participants which needed to be further explored and developed in a **systemized** and organized

way in order to make the best out of it. They shared the view that this would reflect the spirit of the ARF process to "translate words into action."

Agenda item 5: Future Cooperation and Prospective Support for Maritime Security

Presentations

19. The following presentations were made by respective presenters.
 - a) China: Mr. Ning Bo, Chief Port State Control Officer, China Maritime Safety Administration (Annex XV)
 - b) India: CDR Pradeep Singh, Joint Director, Foreign Cooperation, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Annex XVI)
 - c) Republic of Korea: Mr. Kang Byong-jo, Deputy Director, Security Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Annex XVII)
 - d) USA: Mr. Steven McGann, Senior Advisor, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State (Annex XVIII)

Discussion

20. Some participants noted that threats to strategic waterways were real and urgent thus called for common action to build capabilities so as to address different threats and to develop a partnership in order to enhance overall capabilities and capacities. Participants expressed support for the efforts of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to assist user and littoral states in their efforts to build capacity and cooperation.

21. The meeting noted initiatives offered by the participants as follows;
 - a) Japan expressed its intention to continue its role in enhancing cooperation on maritime security.
 - b) India reiterated its support to various ongoing initiatives to enhance maritime security in the region and highlighted its capabilities in the sphere of training and hydrography.
 - c) Indonesia informed on the availability of the Jakarta Center for Law Enforcement Cooperation, co-owned by Indonesia and Australia, as a training facility for law enforcement officials in maritime security.
 - d) The US offered to co-host a seminar on Maritime Domain Awareness and

will look for partners and best opportunity in 2006.

22. As a starting point, making use of the ARF participants' resources currently available was encouraged in order to strengthen maritime security capacity building. The Workshop underlined the importance of the following, while sharing the view that the ARF has proven to be a significant building block in enhancing greater awareness in maritime security and this momentum must be sustained:

- Designating focal points to facilitate information sharing and communication among the ARF participants. The participants will convey the full contact details to the ARF Unit.
- Stocktaking and building-up of a maritime security cooperative database to compile and to consolidate among others the available training/HRD activities and ongoing initiatives on a national, bilateral or multilateral basis.
- Enhanced capacity building would cover improving human resources and gearing up institutions and legal frameworks. Continued information exchange on national, bilateral and multilateral initiatives would be useful. In the context of stocktaking exercise and capacity building, it would be useful to further explore and implement the suggestion of having a regional centre for maritime training.
- Examining the possibility of organizing joint coordinated efforts through expanded bilateral and multilateral arrangements while involving the user states.
- Emphasis on the importance of private sector cooperation, particularly the shipping and insurance industries, in maritime security activities.

Agenda item 6: Consideration and Adoption of the Co-Chair's Report

23. The Workshop considered and adopted the Co-chairs' Summary Report.

Acknowledgement

24. The Workshop expressed its gratitude and appreciation to the people and the Government of Japan for the excellent arrangements made for the Workshop and for the hospitality extended to the participants of the

Workshop. They also expressed their appreciation for the able chairmanship of the two co-chairs in making the Workshop fruitful and successful.
