



ADMM-PLUS EXPERTS' WORKING GROUP ON MARITIME SECURITY

Introduction

▶ 29 April 2011:

- ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting-Plus (ADSOM-Plus) formally established the ADMM-Plus EWG on Maritime Security.
 - Malaysia and Australia - endorsed as the inaugural co-chairs.
 - One of five ADMM-Plus EWGs established by the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus to foster practical defence and military cooperation.
- ▶ Cooperation is undertaken in accordance with the fundamental ASEAN principles of:
- Consensus,
 - Respect for Sovereignty, and
 - Progress at a pace acceptable to all ADMM-Plus members.

Purpose and Aims

- ▶ **Purpose:** Developing a more effective defence and military response to maritime strategic challenges in the Asia–Pacific Region.
- ▶ **Aims:**
 - Enhance maritime cooperation;
 - Identifying risks in the maritime domain, especially humanitarian assistance disaster relief; and
 - Wider information sharing.

Work Plan 2011 – 2014

▶ Factors considered:

- Identify regional maritime security challenges, and their potential impacts to 2020 and beyond;
- Manage maritime security in a multilateral environment; and;
- Improving information sharing.

Achievements of 2011–2014 Work Plan

- ▶ Conducted seven ADMM–Plus EWG on MS meetings;
- ▶ Conducted Table–Top Exercise (TTX) in September 2012 in Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia, which addressed three (3) maritime security scenarios, namely piracy, smuggling and sea lines of communications, and established the format and plans for the Field Training Exercise (FTX);
- ▶ Conducted FTX in September/October 2013 in and around the Jervis Bay, and the East Australian Exercise Area, which involved serialized activities including boarding demonstrations, communications checks, and establishment of reporting routines and joint patrols;

Achievements of 2011–2014 Work Plan (Cont..)

- ▶ Established a set of standard operating procedures (SOP) and lessons learned from the inaugural FTX, which could be used to guide future iterations of ADMM–Plus Maritime Security FTX; and
- ▶ Established the ADMM–Plus Maritime Security Community Information–Sharing Portal (AMSCIP), which enhances information sharing and develops people–to–people linkages among the ADMM–Plus member countries on maritime security issues.

Work Plan 2014 – 2017

- ▶ In the 6th EWG on Maritime Security Meeting (1 Oct 2013, Sydney):
 - Maintain the principle of practicality and build on the excellent work and progress achieved over the previous three years.
 - The focus of the work plan will be on where the EWG on MS can continue to add value.

- ▶ To complement existing groupings active in addressing maritime security concerns, such as:
 - The ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meetings on Maritime Security (ARF ISM MS)
 - The ASEAN Maritime Forum and ASEAN Maritime Forum-Plus
 - The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP)
 - The Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS)

EWG on MS and EWG on CT

- ▶ The four co-chairs of the EWG on Maritime Security and EWG on Counter Terrorism have agreed on the usefulness of a joint exercise given the synergy between the two EWGs.
- ▶ The two EWGs will work towards hosting a joint exercise in 2015/2016 to coincide with the 3rd ADMM-Plus in Malaysia.
- ▶ It is also propose that the exercise programme will build on preceding activities and incorporate increasing levels of complexity.

Work Plan

▶ 2014

- Workshop on Counter-Piracy Operations and the formal meeting of the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Maritime Security, to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 23 to 26 June 2014.
- A TTX/workshop hosted by Brunei Darussalam in 2015.

▶ 2015

- A joint maritime security/counter terrorism FTX
- An inaugural seminar/workshop of the ADMM-Plus Future Leaders' Programme.

▶ 2016

- A TTX as lead into FTX 2016.
- A FTX hosted by New Zealand in conjunction with the Royal New Zealand Navy 75th Anniversary International Fleet Review in September 2016.

AMSCIP

- ▶ AMSCIP will continue to be enhanced by expanding the information available.
- ▶ The Australian demonstration online training course will be evaluated with a view to making other courses available as a means to build capacity, awareness and competencies on a range of maritime security issues.
- ▶ AMSCIP will also be used to register non-ADMM-Plus initiatives and activities that could offer the opportunity for ADMM-Plus maritime activities.

Future Leaders' Programme

- ▶ **Aim:** To maintain practical cooperation, build a community of ADMM-Plus knowledge and ease the transition to the new generation.
- ▶ **Proposed activities:** Seminars, workshops, TTX and ship rider or short exchange programmes.
- ▶ **Objectives:** To provide an opportunity for junior officers and policy staff to interact at policy and operational levels.

Opportunities for Interaction in Conjunction with other Activities

- ▶ Non-ADMM-Plus maritime activities, e.g:
 - Passage Exercises (PASSEX) on the way to and from RIMPAC or Exercise Kakadu and activities conducted before or after such exercises.
 - US Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) series
- ▶ These opportunities will be advised through AMSCIP.
- ▶ The potential to coordinate such activities through the IFC and Changi C2 Centre will also be explored.

ADMM-Plus Multilateral FTX SOPs

- ▶ Malaysia and Australia have proposed the development of ADMM-Plus FTX SOPs building on the SOPs used for the first ADMM-Plus EWG on MS FTX.
- ▶ It is proposed that consideration be given to developing further SOPs based on lessons identified in the FTX conducted during the period of this work plan.
- ▶ SOPs will be made available on AMSCIP.

Thank You