Presentation to the Interregional Coordination Center for the execution of the regional strategy on maritime safety and security in the Gulf of Guinea
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I. History of the CIC

- 2009: Protocol on a strategy for securing vital interests at sea for the member States of the CEEAC
- 2011: Aggravation of piracy acts
- 2011: Appeal by President Yayi Boni to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
- 2011: Resolution 2018 of the UNSC on bilateral or regional maritime patrols
- 2011: Resolution 2039 of the UNSC demanding States to create a regional strategy to fight piracy
- 2011: Declaration of Chiefs of State and Governments
- March 19, 2013: Inter-ministerial Conference CEEAC, CEDEAO, CGG on maritime safety and security
- June 24-25, 2013: Summit of Chiefs of State and the Government of Yaoundé
- June 22, 2013: Meeting between Foreign Affairs Ministries
- June 21, 2013: International Symposium on security challenges in the Gulf of Guinea
- August 10, 2013: Integrated maritime strategy of the CGG
- January 31, 2014: Integrated African strategy for seas and the ocean Horizon 2015
- March 29, 2014: Integrated maritime strategy of the CEDEAO
- September 11, 2014: CIC Inauguration
- February 8-12, 2016: First meeting of senior officials of the CIC
- March 29, 2017: Assignment of statutory personnel
SUMMIT OF CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF CEEAC (Economic Community of Central African States), THE CEDEAO (Economic Community of Western African States) AND THE CGG (The Gulf of Guinea Commission) ON MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

YAOUNDE-CAMEROON, JUNE 24-25, 2013
II- PROCESS ARCHITECTURE OF YAOUNDE

CIC: Interregional Coordination Center
CRESMAO: Regional Center for Maritime Security of West Africa
CRESMAC: Regional Center for Maritime Security of Central Africa
CMC: Multinational Coordination Center
Strengthen the **cooperation**, the **coordination**, the **mutualization** and **interoperability** of community resources with the goal of executing the regional maritime safety and security strategy in the shared maritime area of Central and West Africa.

**Strategic Pillars:**
- Exchange of information and sharing experiences
- Harmonization of legislation related to State maritime actions
- Harmonization of education and training of maritime professionals

Particularly responsible for:

**Firstly, maritime security and other related missions:**
- Strengthen cooperation in relation to the fight against marine pollution and protection of the environment in the two regions;
- Research with the regions, coherence between **Maritime Rescue Coordination Centers** and maritime safety and security zones;
- Cooperate with regional fish management organizations and the mining sector;
- Inform and raise awareness among the population about maritime issues;
- Contribute to the improvement of living conditions for local populations of the Gulf of Guinea;
- Spread information on the risk level in the waters of the two regions in order to avert speculation regarding freight rates and insurance premiums;
- Propose shared management of Exclusive Economic Zones, etc.

**Secondly, maritime safety and other related missions:**
- Collect, stock, share and exchange information from CRESMAC, CRESMAO and all other sources;
- Coordinate cooperation with international organizations concerned by the fight against maritime criminality;
- Raise awareness among States on the need to ratify piracy conventions and illegal acts committed at sea, etc.
IV- ACTIVITIES INITIATED FOLLOWING OPERATIONALIZATION

Administration and Finances section

- Completion of the administrative process (financing of administration, human resources, infrastructure and equipment)
- Preparation of the Code of Conduct evaluation conference scheduled for August 16-17
- Participation in the symposium of Marine senior officials scheduled in Dakar in September
- Preparation of Conference of Senior Officials
  Organization of the conference of partners in October
  Identification and definition of areas of concern to French, European Union, German, and other legal authorities

Communication
IV- ACTIVITIES INITIATED FOLLOWING OPERATIONALIZATION (CONTINUED)

Information section

- Contact with international partners and promotion of the CIC
- Contact with ambassadors of the G7 Friends of the Gulf of Guinea Group (G7++FOGG)
- Definition of information strategy (information sharing)

- Organization of the first telephone conference at the end of July
- Two information bulletins: these points were brought up with the G7++FOGG
- Setting up a mailing list of contact points and the possibility of using data networks
- Drafting of a quarterly bulletin by CRESM
- Drafting of a biannual bulletin by the CIC, the first draft of which is due for the end of this month
- Strategic bulletin for senior officials, the first draft of which is due in September
- MDA process will be presented at the meeting of G7++FOGG in Lagos after the two regions have agreed on the main positions
- Participation of the GOGIN (Gulf of Guinea Inter-regional Network) on the definition of roles of institutions in the Pointe Noire architecture
Information section

· Planning and organization of training scheduled for the month of August
· Training plan with the RMU (Regional Maritime University) of Accra and the ISMI in Abidjan
· Joint mission of the RMU, GOGIN and Expertise France in Accra to inspect training standards and the quality of training
· Cooperation framework is in the process of being defined with the IMLI in Malta and the World Maritime University in Malmo

· A training series will take place from August 14-25 with AFRICOM and the Danish Navy
  ▪ Maritime operation course: August 14 -18
  ▪ Sea vision 2.0 workshop: August 19-22
  ▪ Application of COM Code of Conduct: August 23-25
· The CIC is associated with the planning exercises for Obangamé Express and is currently helping to organize it in Morocco
· The CIC is also going to be a representative at the MEGALOPS exercise (conception and planning) in Central Africa and plans on connecting with the forces in Dakar in order to duplicate this in West Africa.
Legal Section
- There is current contact with the ONUDC and INTERPOL to define the general methodology and the framework of joint intervention for the harmonization of legislation and assessment of the state of ratification of international agreements.
- A seminar is scheduled in September in which the CIC will promote these points.
- The CEDEAO is going to help the ONUDC to send an expert to support the CIC regarding harmonization of legislation.

Maritime Governance section
- Before the end of the year, the CIC is planning to organize a conference of national coordination structures to share best practices. They will touch on relationships with maritime industry and the points of contact. The goal is to create a context of trust and the conditions for contact in order to have a type of information exchange, and by the end, step by step, a return of MDAT.
V- QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM 2017-2021

1. Interregional program for the reinforcement of judicial and legal capacities of member states in matters of maritime safety and security

2. Interregional program for the reinforcement of the capacities of agents responsible for enforcing maritime laws

3. Interregional exchange of information program for the Gulf of Guinea

4. Program for determining and demarcating maritime borders and the peaceful resolution of differences
VI- STRATEGY FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES

- The partner conference will be organized
  - Definition of areas of concern
  - Communication Strategy
- Launching an in-depth study with the partners on sustainable sources of maritime activity
- Exchange between the CEEAC and CEDEAO on financial resources
Too early to draw any lessons. But globally, the establishment of an architecture of this type is a model that measures the global nature of the threat and the accompanying responses.
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