

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA, AND  
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, GOVERNMENT OF THE  
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A COMMUNICATION LINK BETWEEN THE INDIAN COAST  
GUARD AND THE PAKISTAN MARITIME SECURITY AGENCY

The Ministry of Defence, Government of the Republic of India, and the Ministry of Defence, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to individually as "a Party" and collectively as "the Parties";

Aimed at establishing a Communication Link between the Indian Coast Guard and the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency;

Desiring to increase cooperation between the Indian Coast Guard and the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency;

Have agreed as follows:-

**Article 1**

The Parties shall establish a Communication Link through telephone between Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA).

**Article 2**

The Communication Link between ICG and PMSA shall be used for the purposes of:-

- a. Exchange of information of violation of each other's EEZ.
- b. Exchanging information about pollution incidents affecting the EEZ of the Parties.
- c. Facilitation of Maritime Search and Rescue operations in accordance with national laws and regulations and applicable international conventions adopted by IMO.

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- d. Exchanging information concerning natural disasters/calamities affecting adjoining coastal areas/sea of the Parties.
- e. Exchanging information relating to smuggling and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

### Article 3

1. For the purposes of this MoU, ICG shall be the implementing agency from the Indian side. The PMSA shall be the implementing agency from the Pakistan side.
2. The Communication Link shall be established through telephone for use at the level of respective Director General (DG).

### Article 4

#### GUIDELINES FOR COORDINATION

1. **Reporting of EEZ Violations:** The patrolling vessels/aircraft of respective Parties finding any vessel of other Party violating the EEZ are to endeavour to inform the other Party at the earliest opportunity, through the Communication Link, about the nature of violation(s) committed and the action(s) taken/contemplated.
2. **Exchange of Information about Apprehended Vessels:** In case vessel(s) and crew are apprehended by an Authorized Agency of either country, the incident shall be reported immediately to the other Party through the Communication Link giving following possible details:-
  - a. Name of vessel
  - b. Name of master/nakhuda
  - c. Position of vessel committing violation
  - d. Type of violation committed
  - e. Total number of vessels/persons apprehended
3. **Coordination of Return Sea Passage:** Once the decision at the Government level is taken to repatriate the apprehended vessel(s)/crew members of the other State, either unilaterally or bilaterally, necessary coordination between PMSA and ICG will be



undertaken through the Communication Link to facilitate expeditious and smooth completion of their return sea passage. In this regard, following information may be exchanged:-

- a. Apparent operational state of apprehended boats to facilitate sea voyage.
- b. Position of handing/taking over of vessel(s)/personnel.
- c. Any other coordination/liaison required in this regard.

4. **Exchange of Information of Pollution of the Marine Environment:** The Parties will take all possible measures in a specific incident of pollution control to prevent, reduce and control the polluting agents within respective Maritime Zones. In case of a major pollution incident at sea, following procedures are to be followed:-

a. All possible efforts are to be made to prevent the spread of pollution which may affect either State. However, when such measures are insufficient to prevent the pollution from spreading over a vast sea area that may involve other State's Maritime Zones, the same is to be communicated expeditiously to the affected Party for initiating preventive measures on its part. Information to be shared in this context may include the following:-

- (1) Date and time
- (2) Position
- (3) Outflow of pollutant
- (4) Characteristics of pollution
- (5) Source and cause of pollution
- (6) Wind direction and speed
- (7) Current and tide
- (8) Sea state
- (9) Drift of pollution
- (10) Forecast

b. In addition to the Communication Link specified under Article 3, Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) (Mumbai) and MRCC (Karachi) may be the points of contact on matters regarding exchange of information on pollution.



5. Exchange of Information in Combating Smuggling, Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Piracy:-

a. In case of combating smuggling, drug trafficking and piracy the Parties may cooperate, using the Communication Link, through exchange of information about the possible identity of vessel(s)/personnel and their position etc., if known, and likely sea routes to be followed by such offenders.

b. In addition to the Communication Link specified in accordance with Article 3, MRCC (Mumbai) & MRCC (Karachi) may be the points of contact on matters concerning anti-smuggling, anti-narcotics and anti-piracy activities at sea.

6. Exchange of Information concerning Natural Calamities/Disasters: In case of impending natural calamities such as cyclones etc. ICG and PMSA may exchange information using the Communication Link.

7. Coordination in Search and Rescue (SAR): ICG and PMSA may use the communication link for exchange of SAR information.

Article 5

MEETINGS

A meeting at the level of the respective Directors General of ICG and PMSA shall be held once a year, alternatively at New Delhi/Mumbai and Islamabad/Karachi to review the implementation of this MoU.

Article 6

SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

Any differences concerning interpretation or application of this MoU shall be settled through negotiations between the Parties.



Article 7

VALIDITY, ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION

1. This MoU shall enter into force on the date of exchange of instruments of ratification. It shall be valid for a period of 05 (five) years and shall be renewed for similar periods through mutual consultation.
2. Either Party may terminate this MoU at any time by giving a three months advance notice to the other Party. The MoU shall cease to have effect on the date of expiry of the notice period.

In Witness whereof the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments have signed this MoU.

Done at Islamabad, on the third day of October 2005, in two originals in English language.



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