

Country : The Republic of South Africa

Committee: DISEC

Topic : Addressing Threats to Merchant Shipping: The Rise of Weaponized Drones and Terrorism at Sea

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South Africa has taken concrete steps to address the issues that are mentioned. From 2018 to 2021, the International Maritime Organization and South Africa's Department of Transport organized the IMO Port Security Project to provide security in the important ports. There is also cooperation between South Africa and India. We organized Naval Cooperation Talks this year. The ultimate goal was to create a patrol plan which is going to protect the partner countries from the rise of weaponized drones in the Indian Ocean. In particular, we have been keeping our coastline safer by using Integrated Vessel Tracking – Ocean and Coastal Information Management System projects since 2019. We have organized more than 100 education programs. We have increased our maritime security budget by 20%. We have built partnerships with more than 10 countries. In other words, South Africa has organized a lot of projects to protect the South Africa is a geographically important country located near the Cape of Good Hope and along the Indian Ocean trade routes. This makes preventing or reducing terrorism at sea a vital factor for South Africa's stable economy and national security. Also, South Africa is one of the largest economies on the continent. That is why South Africa has an undeniable responsibility. South Africa believes that if countries produced or used weaponized drones collectively, it would help the countries protect their national security around the world. At this point, South Africa has effective policies to improve the technology of weaponized drones, but the country does not stand for militarism or uncontrollable armament world.

South Africa now believes finding new solutions is an obvious and fundamental necessity. We decisively want to be a part of these new solutions. Firstly, our country proposes that international laws must be stricter. National security vulnerabilities inevitably cause international security vulnerabilities, which means that any vulnerability in any country should be treated as an international one. This is one of the most important issues for keeping international waters safe. But it is not enough. We also definitely want the UN to work with us more. The Republic of South Africa is as important as all the other countries. Despite this, South Africa has never received the support it deserves. This is strategically, theoretically, and practically unjust. Finally, if we want to prevent all of them, there is only one thing which we must do: implementing developed, renewed, and strengthened education systems. Here is our indispensable recommendation. We have to educate our people and reduce crime rates.