



## **A WORKSHOP ON NAVIGATING TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS**

### Group Activity Scenario

#### *Part I Instructions:*

Each breakout group represents a governmental interagency panel of experts brought together to address illicit traffickers who are exploiting your territorial waters. Your country is an Indian Ocean littoral state in the middle-income bracket that possesses an effective, mid-size coast guard, a robust national police section specializing in port protection/security, and a small navy with limited capability operating far from home.

Your task is to develop a policy recommendation (or policy recommendations) to your national leaders for countering the intensification of illicit trafficking in your waters.

#### *The Environment:*

- Your government is amid managing the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic that has strained government services and substantially impacted the national economy.
- The pandemic has redefined the responsibilities of your maritime security services towards monitoring vessels entering port.
- Your state's territorial waters are near a major trade route.
- Narcotics is the principal item being smuggled by criminal groups.
- Your country is primarily on the pathway used by traffickers, not the origin or destination.
- Additional maritime challenges your country faces include IUU Fishing and illegal migration.
- The international community, including your immediate neighbors and several major non-regional powers, are pressuring your country to do more about narcotics trafficking.
- Your immediate neighbors do not routinely engage in security cooperation efforts with your country. Relations are mostly positive, but primarily exist at the senior leader level and not among security operators.

#### *Additional Data Points:*

- Before the pandemic, your navy primarily focused on countering IUU fishing.
- The fishing industry is a principal contributor to the national economy and employs approximately 15% of your population either directly or indirectly.
- In the past year there has been a measurable increase in the number of migrants being smuggled via the sea to your country.
- A successful coup was undertaken in a nearby regional state.
- Another nearby state is suffering from the emergence of a violent extremist organization that has created chaos within two of the country's coastal provinces.
- Of your two immediate neighboring states, one possesses a small, but highly professional coast guard and the other has the largest regional coast guard and navy.