



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

### Group Activity Scenario

#### *Part II Instructions:*

Each breakout group still represents the same interagency panel from Part I of the Activity.

Your task is to consider your policy recommendation (or policy recommendations) from Part I given the emergence of new information regarding illicit traffickers.

#### *Additional Data Points:*

- Approximately 35% of domestic fisherman are now unemployed.
- An increasing number of registered fishing vessels are going out to sea, but do not return with a catch.
- Your own inquiries revealed that the primary destination of narcotics being trafficked is your more developed immediate neighbor.
- Fatigue among your maritime security services is at an all-time high.
- Scientists are reporting record low fish stock within your EEZ.
- Comprehensively, data shows registered vessel traffic in your EEZ as not having increased, nor shown unusual patterns of traffic.
- The navy's leadership is recommended the purchasing of unmanned vehicles to enhance its ability to monitor the country's EEZ.
- The coast guard reported a breach of their servers; files accessed were related to coast guard vessel maintenance and resupply schedules.
- An international organization that focuses on trafficking at sea has formally asked you to join as a member; neither of your immediate neighbors is a member of the organization.

#### *Rumors/Unconfirmed Data:*

- Your less developed neighbor, due to the pandemic and its smaller maritime security sector, has become the main transit hub for traffickers.
- There are concerns that the fishing community is turning to crime due to increased number of overseas wire transfers to banks among coastal communities.
- Unconfirmed reports of larger vessels at anchor beyond your EEZ where fishing vessels are unloading their catch.
- There is no confirmation from any regional government, but rumors exist that a regional forum for discussing maritime crime has stalled due to objections from one of your neighbors.
- Several organizations representing the fishing industry are reaching out to legislators with accusations that the state is not doing enough to counter IUU fishing.
- Journalists are reporting near the EEZ boundary with your less developed neighbor that traffickers are operating openly and without concern for local authorities.