



DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE

11TH PORT STATE CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING

OF THE

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
PORT STATE CONTROL FOR WEST AND
CENTRAL AFRICAN REGION**

(ABUJA MoU)

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LAGOS, NIGERIA.



GENERAL

This document is the outcome of the 11th Port State Control Committee (PSCC11) Meeting of the Abuja MoU.

The 11th Committee Meeting held on the 20th – 21st October 2021, in Lagos, Federal Republic of Nigeria and beamed live by Zoom for participation of other member States who could not be on ground in Lagos. The Meeting was attended by the following members of the Committee:

Physical Attendance

- The Chairman – Honourable Kwaku Ofori Asiamah (Ghana)
- The Vice Chairman Rt. Honourable Rotimi Amaechi, (Nigeria)
- Sierra Leone
- Republic of Congo
- Togo
- Cote d' Ivoire
- The Gambia
- Senegal
- Ghana – 2nd Rapporteur
- Nigeria

Virtual Attendance

- Cape Verde
- South Africa
- Liberia
- Republic of Guinea – 1st Rapporteur
- Guinea-Bissau
- Gabon
- Cameroon
- Benin

Apology

- Sao Tome & Principe
- Angola



Observers

- Equatorial Guinea
- Women in Maritime of West and Central Africa (WIMOWCA)

Others

- The Chairman of Intersessional Management Working Group (ISMWG) – Dr. Paul Adaliku

The Meeting commenced at 10:08hrs with the introduction of Delegates. The opening ceremony was conducted under the Chairmanship of Honourable Kwaku Ofori Asiamah, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Ghana.

The Welcome Address was given by the Ag. Secretary General of Abuja MoU, Capt. Sunday Umoren; followed by the Opening Address by the Chairman of Abuja MoU, Honourable Kwaku Ofori Asiamah, the Honourable Minister of Transport, Republic of Ghana.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Colonel Major Tano Koffi Bertin, former Director General of Cote d'Ivoire, Directorate of Maritimes Affairs et Portuaires who died in July 2021.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Vice-Chairman of Abuja MoU, Rt. Honourable Rotimi Amaechi, the Honourable Minister of Transportation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Honourable Kabineh Kallon, Honourable Minister for Transport and Aviation, Sierra Leone; Senator Gbemisola Saraki, Honourable Minister of State for Transportation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Dr. Bashir Jamoh, the Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) who was ably represented by Engr. Olu Aladenusi, the Head, Maritime Safety and Seafarers Standards Department of NIMASA.

A commemorative gift was presented by the Chairman on behalf of the MoU, to the former Secretary General, Barr. (Mrs.) Mfon Usoro (Secretary General 2010-2020), for her years of meritorious service to the Abuja MoU.

The Chairman of Abuja MoU, Honourable Kwaku Ofori Asiamah, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Ghana, represented by Mrs. Irene Messiba of Ghana conducted the formal opening of the Committee Meeting after a 15 minutes break.



1. AGENDA ITEM 1

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

The Committee considered the Provisional Agenda and Timetable as proposed in document PSCC11/1/A. The Provisional Agenda was unanimously adopted without amendment as the Agenda of the 11th Port State Control Committee Meeting.

2. AGENDA ITEM 2

MEMBERSHIP OF THE MEMORANDUM

Reference Document:

PSCC11 - 2/1/A PSCC11 - 2/1/A (Annex 2.1A – 2.1C)	Secretariat Secretariat	Member Administrations- Information about Member Administration
PSCC11 - 2/2/B	Secretariat	Observers

2.1 Members

The Committee was informed that membership of the Memorandum now stands at 18 full member States with the joining of Cameroun after the 10th PSCC Meeting. The full members now comprise of Angola, Benin, Cameroun, Cape Verde, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Togo and South Africa.

It was noted that four Countries within the region are yet to sign up to the MoU. These are the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritania and Namibia.

The issue of the impact of the requirement that ships who had been inspected in any member State may not be inspected in another member State within the inspection window was extensively deliberated, as it was considered a contributory factor to Member States' inability to meet the minimum inspections target.

It was suggested by some member States that where such vessels are attended by PSC officers, such attendance should be marked as inspections in favour of the Member State. Other member States however recommended that the inspection window period should be shortened while arguing that since the individual technical capacity for PSIs varied widely among States, it was justifiable that where the prior inspection was conducted by a State with known minimal technical capacity, any other member State may decide to carry out another inspection to verify the findings of the initial inspection.



While some member States expressed strong objection to the idea that member States may arbitrarily invalidate inspections conducted by others; it was proposed in the alternative that, the solution was to review the reason why member States performance were abysmally low and address same since they were at the root of the low inspection rates.

At the conclusion of the deliberations, it was resolved that:

1. The new Inspection Regime provisions as stated in the Chapter 8 of the PSCOs Manual should guide member States where the inspection window for High Risk ships is between 2 to 4 months, Standard Risk ships is 5 to 8 months and Low Risk Ships 9 to 18 months.
2. Member States are bound by PSI conducted by other member States.
3. The arguments for re-inspection were invalidated by the fact that all member States utilized uniform inspection forms for their PSI. Additionally, where clear grounds existed, the current rules permit member States to conduct detailed inspection.

The Committee reviewed and commented on the extensive information on the overview of Information on member States provided in the annexes under the following Annexes:

- a. Annex 2.1 A - record of meeting attendance by member States
- b. Annex 5.2 A - Historical Performance of member Administrations PSC Data 2018 – 2020.

The Committee:

1. Encouraged member States to participate in all statutory meetings of AMOU.
2. Requested member States to ensure the uploading of PSI reports to AMIS without delay.
3. Commended the Secretary General for providing the overview of Information on Member States in the format approved by PSCC10.

2.2 Observers

The Committee:

1. Noted the Secretariat's report that it received two requests for observer status from West African Chamber of Shipping (WACS) and the Women in Maritime in West and Central Africa (WIMOWCA) since the last meeting. The applications were received in line with the recognition of the role of shipowners and stakeholders in the circle of compliance for safety, prevention of marine pollution, and welfare of shipboard officers & crew; and the effort to preserve the legacy of the International Maritime Organization's initiative on "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community" adopted as World Maritime Theme for 2019.



2. Reviewed the applications under the following annexes:
 - a. Annex 2.2 A – Application letter for Observer Status submitted by the West African Chamber of Shipping (WACS)
 - b. Annex 2.2 B – Application letter for Observer Status submitted by the Women in Maritime in West and Central Africa (WIMOWCA)

The Committee accordingly:

1. Ratified the application for Observer Status of the two Organizations WACS and WIMOWCA with an admonition that they be advised to comply strictly with the rules of engagement and procedures for Observers.
2. Directed the Secretariat to develop criteria and rules of engagement for future admission/approvals in line with what other MOUs and the IMO are currently using.
3. Took note of the information provided and directed Secretariat to act accordingly.

3. AGENDA ITEM 3

REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT

Reference document:

PSCC11 - 3/1/A	Secretariat	Review of Actions Emanating from PSCC10
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The Committee after reviewing the Secretariat's report on Actions Emanating from PSCC10 Meeting:

1. Noted the status of actions emanating from PSCC10 Meeting held in Libreville, Gabon.
2. Stepped down Agenda item No 1 being a subject to be considered fully under Agenda item No 12 of the incumbent meeting.
3. Commended the Secretariat for the report on awareness and sensitization efforts designed to reawaken the interest of member States in the activities of the MoU, the innovative approaches in this regard such as the mission to some member state, establishment of a Whatsapp group for PSCO, circulation of update to members. The



Committee also reiterated the call on Portuguese speaking member States to participate actively in the activities.

4. Reiterated the need for member States who are yet to fulfill their financial commitment to the MoU to prioritize their obligation in this regard, in order to ensure the sustainability of the MoU's mandate.
5. Received the report submitted by member States and commended the 14 member States that submitted reports in 2019 and 2020. It called on other member States to ensure regular submission of reports and encouraged them to take steps to establish their national data bases.
6. Noted the verbal presentation made by the Director of National Maritime Information and Documentation Center, Republic of Congo, stating that 'the Republic of Congo remains available and committed to hosting the Abuja MoU Regional Information Center in Pointe-Noire', but the transfer is still not effective since 2003. According to him, in 2009, Congo identified the appropriate staff and equipment with high speed internet connection, but the inactivity of the TWG on Information System had not help matters.
7. Noted the report on the implementation of the resolution on alignment of inspection reports, fees and training of PSCOs across all member States and encouraged members not to relent in their efforts in this regard.
8. Noted the feedback by the Secretary General on the programs designed to bridge the identified communication gap between member States and urged the Secretariat to sustain the innovative use of technology in this regard.
9. Noted that the Technical Working Group (TWG) on PSC procedure is yet to submit a report and that other TWGs have similarly failed to submit their reports. All TWGs were urged to expedite action, particularly the expected Near Coaster Voyage Agreement and Regional Regulatory Framework and Inspection Procedures for non-conventional ships operating within the Abuja MoU Region.
10. Adoption of the report of the Secretariat as contained in the Annex 3.1. was moved by Nigeria and supported by the Gambia.

**Reference document:**

PSCC11 - 3/2/A	Secretariat	Review of Recommendations from ISMWG10
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The Committee commended the Secretariat for the well-presented report and reiterated the call that all outstanding issue be closed out. The report was thereafter adopted sequel to a motion for adoption by Congo which was seconded by Ghana.

Reference document:

PSCC11 - 3/3/A	Secretariat	Status of Relevant Instruments
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The Committee:

1. Noted data in Annex 3.3 containing information on the status of ratification and domestication of the Relevant Instruments for Abuja MoU by Member States.
2. Noted that five (5) member States; Congo, Gabon, Nigeria, Liberia and Sierra Leone have ratified the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007 and that pursuant to Section 2.6 on Relevant Instruments of the Memorandum which provides that the accession to or ratification of an instrument by three (3) or more member States qualifies such a Convention or Code as a 'relevant instrument' thus recommending its inclusion as one of the Relevant Instruments of the Abuja MoU.
3. Unanimously approved the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 - Adoption: 18 May 2007; Entry into force: 14 April 2015 as one of the relevant instruments of the Abuja MoU.
4. Encouraged member States who have not ratified all the Relevant Instruments to do so.
5. Advised member States that a country can only exercise Port State Control measures on Conventions and Codes that they have ratified and domesticated.
6. Noted that there may be technical challenges preventing some member States from ratifying the various instruments and International Conventions, and invited



such member States to use the available support at IMO's Technical cooperation and also report such challenges to the Secretariat for possible assistance.

7. Encouraged member States to regularly submit communications to the Secretariat updating the secretariat on new ratifications and domestication of relevant international conventions.

4. AGENDA ITEM 4

REVIEW OF PORT STATE CONTROL ACTIVITIES BY MEMBER ADMINISTRATIONS

Reference Documents:

PSCC11 - 4/1	Member Administration	National Arrangements for Port State Control
PSCC11 - 4/2	Member Administration	Port State Inspections Report 2020
PSCC11 - 4/3	Member Administration	Port State Inspection Fees and Penalties
PSCC11 - 4/4	Member Administration	Status of Ratification and Domestication of Relevant of Instruments
PSCC11 - 4/5	Member Administration	Participation and result of Concentrated Inspection Campaign

Member States presented individual reports on their Port State control activities during the period under review. The reports were presented under the sub-heads captured in templates 4/1 to 4/5 above.

The Committee:

1. Encouraged member States to ensure that fines were issued to defaulting vessels in line with properly promulgated Acts, Codes or Regulations of the issuing States.
2. Advised member States with recorded low rates of PSC inspection to improve their compliance status and if necessary approach the MoU for technical assistance or facilitation.
3. Directed the Secretary General to conduct a careful appraisal of Congo Republic's reported zero deficiency record after inspecting 320 vessels with a view to proposing a solution and collaborating with them to overcome any identified challenges.
4. Directed the Secretary General to publish a Code of Conduct for social media usage on any of the MoU's platforms to prevent the recurrence of a reported incidence of disrespectful behavior towards a representative of a member State.



5. Noted that Ghana and Sierra Leone propose future CIC on Environment.

5. AGENDA ITEM 5

PORT STATE CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE ABUJA MOU REGION

Reference Documents:

PSCC11-5/1/A	Secretariat	2020 Statistics and Analysis of PSC Data
PSCC11-5/2/A	Secretariat	Historical Performance of Member Administrations PSI Data 2018-2020
PSCC11-5/3/A	Secretariat	2019 Concentrated Inspection Campaign

The Committee:

Noted the results of Port State Control Inspections (PSI) from 2018-2020, submitted by 14 member States in the Abuja MoU region.

1. Observed that four (4) member states did not submit their PSI report to AMIS.
2. Noted the significant decline in Port State Control Inspection rate by most member States from 2019 to 2020, which was attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic and other challenges, during the period under review.
3. Noted the increase in number of Inspections carried out by three member States during the period under review.
4. Also took note that PSC inspection data are generated automatically from the central database of Abuja MoU Information System (AMIS).
5. Urged member States to enter PSI reports to AMIS as soon as inspections are conducted. Alternative means such as submitting directly to the Secretariat should only be as a last resort to avoid incorrect data collation.
6. Encouraged member States to endeavour to input PSI reports to AMIS as soon possible, after inspection to update other member States on Vessels inspected and mitigate the risk of multiple inspection of same vessels by member States.
7. Encouraged member States who have not submitted PSI reports to do so.



8. Encouraged Maritime Administrations who have not commenced inspections to take advantage of the National Trainings on Port State Control Inspection Manual and AMIS provided by the Secretariat.
9. Directed the Secretariat to contact Angola, Sao Tome and Principe, Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde and communicate with them to deal with any challenges preventing their active participation and in conducting Port State Control Inspections.
10. Commended the 14 member States who participated in and reported on the 2019 Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Life Saving Appliances. The member States were Benin, Congo, Cote d' Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa.
11. Encouraged member States to participate and give support to 2021 CIC.
12. Approved the recommendation of ISMWG10 for the theme of 2021 Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Ship Stability in General and the related training of the regional PSCOs in readiness for the project.
13. Approved the recommendation of ISMWG10 on the training of the PSCOs in the region on the planned CIC on "Ship Stability" observing that Paris, Tokyo and other MoUs are also organizing such trainings for their PSCOs to ensure effective and successful CICs.
14. Approved the recommendation for the release and publication of the 2019 CIC-report
15. Approved ISMWG10 recommendation for the publication of the PSI report in the 2020 Annual report sequel to a motion for the adoption of the report moved by Sierra Leone and supported by Senegal.

**6. AGENDA ITEM 6
PORT STATE CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE ABUJA MOU REGION
HARMONIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PORT STATE CONTROL**

Reference Documents:

PSCC11-6/1	Secretariat	National Training for PSOs on Abuja MoU Manual and Abuja MOU Information System.
PSCC11-6/2	Secretariat	Near Coastal Voyage Code for Abuja MoU Member States.
PSCC11-6/3	Secretariat	Amendments to the Memorandum.
PSCC11-6/4	Secretariat	Revision of Port State Control Officers' Manual.
PSCC11-6/5	Secretariat	Abuja MoU Technical Working Group.



The Committee:

Noted NIMASA's offer to sponsor the engagement of Consultants from English and French speaking member States to prepare a draft Near Coastal Voyage Code for Abuja MoU region for its consideration.

1. Requested NIMASA Director General's representative to advise on a probable date for the engagement of the Consultants and he suggested that this should be concluded before the end of year 2021.
2. Thanked NIMASA for its magnanimity and emphasized the importance of the NCV Code to the region.
3. Approved the revised PSCOs' Manual in line with the 2021 IMO Assembly Resolution sequel to a motion by Cote d'Ivoire.
4. Directed Secretariat to look into the practice of other MOUs on the reconstitution of TWGs and report back to the Committee.

7. Agenda Item 7

AMOU INFORMATION SYSTEM AND WEBSITE

Reference Documents:

AMoU/PSCC11-7/1	Secretariat	Report of the AMIS Manager
AMoU/PSCC11-7/2	Secretariat	Status Report on Regional Information Centre, Pointe Noire, Republic of the Congo.

The Committee:

1. Took note of the Secretariat's Report on the performance of the AMIS Center in Russia.
2. Directed Secretariat to review the performance of the AMIS host Centre in Russia and ensure that any service failures are reported to determine the next line of action.
3. Took note of the Status Report on the Regional Information Center at Pointe Noire presented by Congo.
4. Confirmed that Congo remains committed to its undertaking to host the Regional Information Centre in Pointe Noire. The MoU will continue with the current host until Pointe Noire is ready.
5. Directed Senegal (Chairman of the TWG on Information System (AMIS)) and Congo, to avail the Secretariat with details of contact persons for follow up purposes.



8. AGENDA ITEM 8

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMMES & EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Reference Documents:

PSCC11-8/1	Secretariat	Technical Cooperation with the IMO and other Regional MOUs
PSCC11-8/2	Secretariat	Data Exchange and Relationship with other Organizations

The Committee:

1. Agreed that it may be necessary to also include some modules of administrative trainings such as drafting of laws and regulations and domestication of Conventions provided that the focus remains on Port State Control related training.
2. Took note of the information as presented by the Secretariat.

9 AGENDA ITEM 9

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

Reference Documents:

PSCC11 -9/1/A	Secretariat	Financial Statement for the Year Ending 31 st March 2020 and 2021
PSCC11-9/2/A	Secretariat	Abuja MoU Biennial Budget for 2021- 2023
PSCC11-9/3/A	Secretariat	Status of Financial Contributions by member Administrations
PSCC11-9/4/A	Secretariat	Appointment of External Auditors
PSCC11-9/5/1/A	Secretariat	Staff matters- carried forward issue related to old Staff
PSCC11-9/5/2/A	Secretariat	Staff Matters- New requirements for Technical Officer
PSCC11-9/6/A	Secretariat	Abuja MoU Plan Action 2021-2023

The Committee considered the information contained in the above documents and oral explanations by the Secretariat and after deliberations by member States:

1. Noted the Financial Statement ending 31st March 2020 and 2021 submitted by the External Auditors, Messrs.' Sola Oyetayo & Co.



2. Approved and adopted the Financial Statements with the directive that the Auditor are to produce a revised statement showing the conversion of Naira to Dollar, and vice-versa, to assist other member states in appreciating the financial statement. Ghana moved for approval and it was seconded by Sierra Leone.
3. Approved the Biennial Budget for 2021 – 2023 based on the approved formula of 50% equal sharing of the budget sum and 50% based on the number of ships calls at various ports of each Member States. Nigeria moved for approval and seconded by Cote d'Ivoire.
4. Approved the appointment of a new External Auditor (Messrs' Olabode Ayodele & Company (Chartered Accountants & Tax Practitioners) for auditing the Secretariat's accounts henceforth, under a probation period of one year.
5. Noting the regular funding of the operations of the Secretariat by Nigeria, commended the Nigerian Government for the unwavering financial support to Abuja MoU.
6. Noted and commended Nigeria for being current on its financial commitments to date, the Gambia, Ghana, and Guinea for their contributions in year 2018/2019, Nigeria, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire for their payments made to the Secretariat in 2021.
7. Noted the complaint raised by Liberia on the fulfillment of their financial obligations but same not being reflected and directed the Secretariat to investigate and send a feedback to Liberia within two weeks from the date of meeting.
8. Encouraged member states to fulfill their obligation towards running of the Secretariat of the Abuja MoU.
9. Directed the Secretariat to sends reminders and invoices for payment of financial contribution to all member States timely.
10. Directed the Secretariat to send program of events and schedule of trainings for the year to all member States at the beginning of each year to enable members plan ahead. Reminders can be sent thereafter.
11. Noted the issue of multiple financial obligations of member states who belong to more than one MoUs and directed the Secretariat to investigate how it is done in other regional MoUs and to give a feedback.
12. Adopted the recommendation of ISMWG10 for the Ex-Staffs to be paid their gratuity and outstanding entitlements. Cote d'Ivoire moved and was seconded by Congo.



13. Urged Francophone member States to nominate an assistant Technical superintendent from French speaking member States which AMoU will give allowance while the Member state will continue paying his/her salary.
14. Directed the Secretariat to come up with the job description, criteria and requirements for the nomination of the Assistant Technical Superintendent from Francophone member States.
15. Adopted the 2021-2023 Abuja MoU Plan of Action. Ghana moved and it was seconded by Congo.

10. AGENDA ITEM 10 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee approved the schedule of future meetings as follows:

MEETING	HOST COUNTRY	DATE
4 TH Ministerial Conference	Cote d'Ivoire	In 2022 to be communicated
11 th ISMWG	Congo	In 2022 to be communicated
12 th PSCC	Republic of Guinea	Guinea declined and so other member States to host the PSCC12 in 2022.

The Secretariat was mandated to liaise with the host nations in firming up the dates.

11. AGENDA ITEM 11 ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF ISMWG

The Committee:

Adopted the following five new members of ISMWG for a maximum of two terms of two years each:

1. Benin
2. Gabon
3. The Gambia
4. Nigeria
5. Angola



12. AGENDA ITEM 12 THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Committee:

1. Noted that there were no other applications for the position of the Secretary General, except from Nigeria.
2. In line with the relevant provisions of the enabling laws of the Abuja MOU, confirmed Captain Sunday Umoren, as the Secretary General of Abuja MoU which was unanimously adopted by all.

The motion for the confirmation of Capt. Sunday Umoren was moved by Gambia and seconded by Sierra Leone

13. AGENDA ITEM 13 AGENDA ITEM 13.1 ANY OTHER BUSINESS Update from the Front Line (PSCOs)

The Committee:

1. Encouraged member States to work out acceptable welfare and better working conditions for Port State Control officers.
2. Encouraged and advised member States to note the long lead time in the training and qualification of Port State Control Officers and to continue in ensuring that they have a 'recruitment and Retention Policy'.
3. Called on members States to employ more Females in their maritime sector including Enforcement / Port State Control Officers.

AGENDA ITEM 13.2 ANY OTHER BUSINESS Summary of Decisions and recommendations from MSC 103 and III-7

The Committee:

1. Encouraged member States to ensure that their maritime administrations are in tune with the outcome of decisions, recommendations and amendments made by relevant IMO Committees.
2. Encourage members States to take note of when new Conventions, Protocols, Amendments come into force and act accordingly.



AGENDA ITEM 13.3
ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Mentoring Scheme amongst members

The Committee:

1. Encouraged member States who require mentoring from more established member States to link up for the necessary support which could include: cross-posting and secondment of senior inspectors for on-the-job training.
2. Invited Member States that are willing to participate as mentors or mentees were advised to indicate their requirements and competencies for collation by the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 13.4.1
ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Special appeals from the Secretariat
Outstanding Correspondences expected from Member States

The Committee:

1. Invites member States to participate in Marine Domain Awareness Data signing agreement.
2. Encouraged member States to frequently inform/update the Secretariat on change of Ministers, DGs/CEO of their Maritime Administrations and Head of PSCO.

AGENDA ITEM 13.4.2
ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Special appeals from the Secretariat
General Communication

The Committee:

1. Encouraged member States to inform the Secretariat of update of database.
2. Encouraged member States to nominate focal points and/or desk officers in-charge of Abuja MoU correspondences.

AGENDA ITEM 13.4.3
ANY OTHER BUSINESS



Special appeals from the Secretariat Fleet and Equipment Renewal (NEW Agenda Item)

The Committee:

1. Invited member States to note that the MoU Secretariat is open to donation of new cars and buses from member States and from the relevant MDA in the Federal Ministry of Transportation in Nigeria.
2. Gave permission to the Secretariat to approach the Ministry of Transport and other MDAs for donations of cars (not to be more than five (5) and the renovation of the office complex.

AGENDA ITEM 13.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS Port State Control Officers as Ambassadors of the Flag State

The Committee:

Approved that the prize of \$200 be given to Mr. Clitandre AUCANAT ANSIA of Republic of Congo being the only PSCO that submitted an essay.

AGENDA ITEM 13.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS Code of Good Conduct of Port State Control Officers (Maritime Anti-Corruption Network – MACN Report

The Committee:

1. Appreciated the relevance of the presentation by MACN and acknowledged the need for our PSCOs to conduct their assigned tasks with utmost transparency.
2. Directed member States to advise their Port State Control Officers to be guided by the Code of Good Conduct for PSCOs and to further carry out extensive sensitization workshop on this.
3. Advised member States to develop process and procedures for dealing with complaints and have in place escalation procedures to ensure close out of all complaints from ship owners and flag states.



CLOSING

The PSC11 meeting closed with Closing Remarks by the Nigeria Minister of State for Transportation Senator Gbemi Saraki who made the statement on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Honourable Minister of Transportation.

The Chairman similarly made a closing statement where he thanked the Government of Nigeria, the Secretary General and distinguished delegates for their active participation in the meeting. The meeting allowed the Abuja MoU to take stock of its activities and prepare for the future. He urged all member States to rededicate themselves to the MoU's ideals especially paying their dues and paying on time.

He congratulated the Secretary General upon his confirmation and expressed the hope that he would justify the confidence reposed in him. Finally, he reminded member States of the upcoming member States' meeting of the MOWCA holding in Accra in November 2021. He encouraged all to find time to be in Accra for this purpose.

DONE THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2021 IN LAGOS, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

