



Joint Statement by the Steering Committee of the Yemen Maritime Security Partnership

European Union, Germany, Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, United States

RIYADH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA – On November 30, His Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Abda Sharif OBE, convened the inaugural Steering Committee members of the Yemen Maritime Security Partnership (YMSP) (*European Union, Germany, Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, United States*) to review collective progress and align priorities for strengthening Yemen's maritime security. The YMSP is developed and delivered in collaboration with the Government of Yemen.

Yesterday's establishment of the Steering Committee reflects international partners' unshakeable commitment under the YMSP to securing Yemen's maritime domain and advancing peace and security in Yemen. The convening of the Steering Committee of the YMSP follows the formal launch of the YMSP in Riyadh in September, co-hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom, which convened more than 35 international partners and secured multi-year pledges toward regenerating the capabilities of the Yemen Coast Guard.

Steering Committee members reaffirmed their collective resolve under the YMSP, and in partnership with the Government of Yemen, to support the Yemen Coast Guard in securing its territorial waters, protecting and enabling international trade and commerce, reducing unsafe and illicit migration, and serving the people of Yemen by saving lives and promoting economic opportunity and coastal livelihoods for men and women. The Steering Committee underscored that this support will be fully aligned with the Yemen Coast Guard's Rebuilding Strategy and delivered in close coordination with Yemeni counterparts to ensure Yemeni ownership and long-term institutional resilience.

At the meeting, YMSP Steering Committee members emphasised their collective resolve to bolster the Yemen Coast Guard's operational capability to interdict and disrupt the destabilising flow of illicit weapons, drugs, and goods that threaten the security of Yemen and the wider region. Participants reaffirmed the importance of strengthening human rights-informed approaches and inclusive internal governance across the Yemen Coast Guard and the broader maritime security sector. Increasing women's meaningful participation, including recruitment, training, and leadership, was recognised as vital to the Yemen Coast Guard's operational readiness and efficacy.

Steering Committee members also committed to expanding partnerships under the YMSP during the coming year to foster regional linkages and promote equitable burden-sharing. This includes deepening engagement with additional international partners, regional organisations, and coastal states that share an interest in secure and well-governed maritime spaces in and around the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, and the wider region.