Maritime Security and Safety: Enhancing Cooperation, Coordination and Integration, and Increasing Capacity-Building

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OVERVIEW OF CANADA’S MARITIME ENVIRONMENT

Canada is a nation heavily dependent on international trade.

- 200,000 kms of coastline
- 250 ports
- Ports handle one-quarter of Canadian trade ($100B annually)
- Canadian ports are responsible, directly or indirectly, for more than 250,000 jobs
CANADA’S INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Focus on establishing international security standards, implementing capacity-building initiatives and sharing best practices

- Coordinated and collaborative approach to international maritime security capacity building

- Canada’s Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building Program provides training, funding, equipment, technical and legal assistance globally
  
  - Transportation security is among the seven investment priority areas
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

IMO

• $600,000 Contribution to IMO’s Trust Fund

G8

• G8 Roma/Lyon Process – Transportation Security Sub-Group
• G8 – Port and Marine Experts Group

APEC

• APEC Transportation Working Group – Maritime Security Experts Sub-Group

OAS

• CICTE – Port Security Assistance Program
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

International Maritime Organization

- Canada provided grant funding to IMO’s Maritime Security Trust Fund to ensure universal compliance with high standards for global maritime security
- Maritime Security Trust Fund provides assistance to IMO contracting states in implement the ISPS Code
- Supports marine security technical assistance programs in Africa, Asia and the Americas
- Technical assistance may take the form of workshops; seminars; training; exchange programs; provision of experts; and participation of observers during the conduct of audits
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Group of Eight (G8)

- Active member of Roma/Lyon, Anti-Crime and Counter-Terrorism Group and Transportation Security Sub-Group

- G8 ISPS Code Self Assessment Checklist formed the basis of IMO Circ. 1192 (May 2006)

- Canada and Japan, with support of U.S. led efforts to undertake study of port facility security audits

- Best Practices on Port Facility Security Audits paper submitted to IMO for consideration at MSC 84
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

As Chair of APEC’s Maritime Security Experts Sub-Group

- Facilitates development and implementation of programs for secure transport activities, including building capacity of all APEC Economies

- ISPS Code Implementation Assistance Program (ICIAP)
  - Aims to assist APEC economies develop capacity to effectively implement the ISPS Code
  - Activities include knowledge transfer, lessons learned and best practices related by subject matter experts in APEC Economies

- Port Security Visit Program (PSVP)
  - Voluntary program for APEC Economies seeking to identify strengths and weaknesses in their implementation of the ISPS Code.
  - Regional experts assist participating Economies efforts to achieve full implementation of the ISPS Code at port facilities under their jurisdiction

- Manual of Maritime Security Drills and Exercise for Port Facilities
- Maritime Security Point of Contact List and Training Matrix
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Organization of American States (OAS)

- Collaborated with OAS/Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE) to develop the Canada-Americas Port Security Assistance Program (CAPSAP)

- Assists developing states in the Americas to effectively implement international maritime security standards

- Increases the availability of maritime security related technical assistance in the Americas, and ensures that assistance is targeted and coordinated
CONCLUSION

Effective and efficient partnerships are essential to successful maritime management and key to all maritime security.
QUESTIONS?