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TPTWG39 MEG-SEC Work Plan

Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: MEG-SEC Chair (United States)



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Christchurch, New Zealand
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The Maritime Security Sub-Group (MEG-SEC) is an effective forum for member Economies to work cooperatively in developing and implementing measures to strengthen maritime security in the APEC region.

Ministerial Directives	MEG-SEC Deliverables	Action Items
<p>APEC economies will adopt a strategic approach to capacity building. Capacity building programs will be tailored to accommodate the specific needs of each member economy. (Bogor Goal)</p> <p>Noting the 5th Anniversary of the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Ministers encourage the exchange of information on the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code; adopted by the International Maritime Organizations (IMO) with a view to identifying lessons learned, gaps and challenges, and the benefits accrued by member economies. Leaders encourage developed member economies to assist in the training programs and further encourage the Working Group to cooperate with relevant multilateral organizations. (Ministerial Statement 2009)</p> <p>Ministers note the progress of the ISPS Code Implementation Assistance Program and express support for the forthcoming implementation of related activities such as the sub-regional workshops on the use of the Manual of Maritime Security Drills and Exercises and the Port Security Visit Program (PSVP). (Ministerial Statement 2009)</p> <p>Ministers urge economies to comply with the standards and recommended practices of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and instruct the TPTWG to collaborate with these organizations in the areas of security, safety and the environment where appropriate. (Ministerial Statement 2011)</p>	<p>ISPS Code Implementation Assistance Program</p> <p>Maritime security capacity building programs in the APEC region</p> <p>Analysis of challenges, gaps and benefits of ISPS Code implementation</p>	<p>Develop a proposal to conduct APEC Drill and Exercise Manual workshops. Lead: Canada and United States in collaboration with the IMO.</p> <p>Develop a proposal to transition the Port Security Risk Assessment Tool Workshops to a web-based delivery format. Lead: United States</p> <p>Conduct 4 Model Port Security Legislation Workshops. Lead: United States</p> <p>MEG-SEC members are encouraged to explore potential sources of additional funding for MEG-SEC's ISPS Code Implementation Assistance Program (Ongoing)</p> <p>Update of the Point of Contact List (Ongoing) Lead: MEG-SEC Secretariat</p>

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<p>Acknowledging the important role of capacity building in strengthening and supporting the trade and investment liberalization and facilitation agenda particularly in making progress in the transportation sector in the APEC region, we reaffirm the 2012 leaders' commitment to provide effective economic and technical cooperation. (Ministerial Joint Statement 2013)</p>		
<p>Ministers condemn in the strongest possible terms, acts of piracy and armed robbery against ocean going vessels and innocent seafarers off the coast of Somalia and express their collective support of the decisive actions of the United Nations (UN) and relevant organizations to protect vital international shipping lanes for overseas trade. Ministers encourage further concerted efforts to fight against piracy. (Ministerial Statement 2009)</p> <p>Ministers recognize the crucial role of international cooperation and effective information sharing in addressing the problem of piracy and armed robbery against ships and seafarers and commend the efforts taken by the APEC member economies, the IMO and other relevant organizations in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships and seafarers in Asia. (Ministerial Statement 2009)</p> <p>Leaders urge APEC Ministers and officials to continue to help secure the region's economic, trade, investment and financial systems from terrorist attack or abuse and trade-based money laundering. Leaders welcome the ongoing efforts of the international community to combat piracy and armed robbery at sea and encouraged further concerted efforts to fight against piracy. (Leaders' Declaration 2008)</p>		<p>Monitor piracy issues and review MEG-SECs possible unique future role relative to security issues</p>
<p>Ministers instruct the Working Group to build upon the work of relevant regional and international multilateral international organizations and to avoid duplication of their efforts. (Ministerial Statement 2009)</p> <p>Ministers recognize that global supply chains are strategically and inherently intermodal and encompass goods, conveyances, facilities, communications</p>	<p>Cooperation with relevant regional and multilateral organizations</p>	<p>Invite the IMO, OAS, SCCP, and CTTF to participate in future MEG-SEC meetings and where appropriate, participate in capacity building initiatives undertaken by MEG-SEC (Ongoing) Lead: MEG-SEC Secretariat</p> <p>Invite Japan to report on the ASEAN-Japan</p>

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<p>services, and hubs within the entire transportation environment. This necessitates better integration among all stakeholders to ensure seamless security and enhanced facilitation across all modes. The Ministers instruct the TPTWG to collaborate with other APEC fora, the World Customs Organization (WCO), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ICAO and IMO as they continue to work toward strengthening the global supply chain. (Ministerial Statement 2011)</p> <p>With regard to transportation safety, security, efficiency, and environmental protection, we note the importance of the initiatives underway in ICAO, IMO, and other international organizations as well as the complementary work of the TPTWG through information sharing and capacity building projects. We instruct the TPTWG to collaborate with those international organizations where appropriate. (Ministerial Joint Statement 2013)</p> <p>We endorse the capacity building work being undertaken to promote the implementation of the relevant international treaties. (Ministerial Joint Statement 2013)</p> <p>We support the creation of a framework to define the important properties of a resilient supply chain, which will improve our understanding of the processes and help strengthen transportation infrastructure. In this regard, we reaffirm our support for TPTWG work to operationalize the APEC Trade Recovery Program by, <i>inter alia</i>, developing an effective communications mechanism for information critical to governments and the private sector during periods when transport systems are constrained. (Special Transportation Ministerial Meeting Statement 2012)</p>		<p>Maritime Transport Security Program (Ongoing) Lead: Japan</p> <p>Provide periodic updates to APEC's Counter-Terrorism Task Force on MEG-SEC capacity building initiatives (Ongoing) Lead: MEG-SEC Secretariat</p> <p>Continue to share information with IMO on maritime security capacity building efforts in the Asia-Pacific region in order to avoid duplication of efforts and further enhance cooperation (Ongoing) Lead: MEG-SEC Secretariat</p> <p>In collaboration with the WCO, IMO, ICAO, CTTF, SCCP and TPTWG develop trade recovery communications mechanisms.</p>
<p>Ministers desire broader cooperation arrangements for sharing best practices on the latest developments in ports, airports and land transportation safety, security and port capacity and addressing congestion issues for intermodal cargo movement. (Ministerial Statement 2009)</p> <p>We encourage the TPTWG to work with stakeholders from all modes to improve the safety and security of operators, service providers and facilities. (Ministerial Joint Statement 2013)</p>	Sharing of information and best practices	

