



General Assembly

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Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean 2021 session

Draft report

I. Introduction

1. By its resolution [74/25](#), the General Assembly, having taken note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean ([A/74/29](#)), requested the Chair of the Committee to continue his informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.
2. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee held its formal session (459th meeting) on 6 July 2021 at United Nations Headquarters. The Chair also held a number of consultations and meetings during 2021.
3. At the 459th meeting, the following delegations made statements in the general discussion under agenda item 4: [*to be completed*].
4. The Committee is composed of the following States:

(a) 43 members:

Australia	Japan
Bangladesh	Kenya
Bulgaria	Liberia
Canada	Madagascar
China	Malaysia
Djibouti	Maldives
Egypt	Mauritius
Ethiopia	Mozambique
Germany	Netherlands
Greece	Norway
India	Oman
Indonesia	Pakistan
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Panama
Iraq	Poland
Italy	Romania



Russian Federation
Seychelles
Singapore
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Thailand

Uganda
United Arab Emirates
United Republic of Tanzania
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

(b) Observers:

Nepal
South Africa
Sweden

5. Following elections to fill vacancies in the Bureau, the officers of the Committee were as follows:

Chair:

Peter Mohan Maithri Pieris (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairs:

Heather McIntyre (Australia)
Muhammad Taufan (Indonesia)
Inácio Virgílio Domingos (Mozambique)

Rapporteur:

Herinirina Ravelonarivo Andriamasy (Madagascar)

II. Work of the Committee in 2021

A. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 459th meeting, the Committee adopted the agenda as contained in document [A/AC.159/L.151](#), which read as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution [74/25](#).
5. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.
6. Other matters.

B. Report of the Chair

7. At its 459th meeting, the Committee considered agenda item 4, concerning the report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution [74/25](#). The Chair made the following comprehensive statement on his consultations:

[to be completed]

8. During the meeting, an exchange of views was held on a range of issues relating to the work of the Committee.

9. The Committee reaffirmed the continuing relevance of its mandate in the light of new threats and challenges confronting the region. The importance of organizations such as the Indian Ocean Rim Association was viewed as being of particular significance in enhancing cooperation in maritime safety and security. The need for Member States to continue their engagement in the process was also emphasized, with a view to determining the future direction of the work of the Committee in order to reflect current realities and convergent interests in the region. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to the realization of the goals of peace, security and stability in the Indian Ocean region.

10. The Committee remained convinced that the participation of all permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users in the work of the Committee was important and would assist the progress of a mutually beneficial dialogue aimed at developing conditions of peace, security and stability in the region.

C. Recommendations

11. The Chair was requested to continue informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.

D. Adoption of the report of the Committee

12. At the 459th meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

13. At the same meeting, the Chair informed the members of the Committee of his intention to hold informal consultations concerning the text of the draft resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.

14. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its report.
