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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution [78/13](#), the General Assembly, having taken note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean ([A/78/29](#)), 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 eightieth session.

2. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee held its formal session (461st meeting) on 3 July 2025 at United Nations Headquarters.

3. At the 461st 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	Iraq
Bangladesh	Italy
Bulgaria	Japan
Canada	Kenya
China	Liberia
Djibouti	Madagascar
Egypt	Malaysia
Ethiopia	Maldives
Germany	Mauritius
Greece	Mozambique
India	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
Indonesia	Norway
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Oman



Pakistan	Sudan
Poland	Thailand
Panama	Uganda
Romania	United Arab Emirates
Russian Federation	United Republic of Tanzania
Seychelles	Yemen
Singapore	Zambia
Somalia	Zimbabwe
Sri Lanka	

(b) Observers:

Nepal
South Africa
Sweden

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

Chair:

Jayantha Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairs:

[to be completed] (Australia)
[to be completed] (Indonesia)
[to be completed] (Mozambique)

Rapporteur:

[to be completed] (Madagascar)

II. Work of the Committee in 2025

A. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 461st meeting, the Committee adopted the agenda as contained in document [A/AC.159/L.155](#).

B. Report of the Chair

7. At its 461st meeting, the Committee considered agenda item 4, concerning the report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution [78/13](#). 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 eighty-second session.

D. Adoption of the report of the Committee

12. At the 461st 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 eightieth session.

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