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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Combined Maritime Security Conference,

### Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 4-7 June 2012

The Combined Joint Operations from the Sea Centre of Excellence and the Centre of Excellence for Operations in Confined and Shallow Waters are pleased to announce that planning and preparations are well under way for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Combined Maritime Security Conference (MSC 2012)**, to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada during the period 4-7 June 2012. The event will be hosted at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. Consistent with last year, the conference will be organized and executed in close cooperation between the Combined Joint Operations from the Sea Centre of Excellence (CJOS COE) and the Centre of Excellence for Operations in Confined and Shallow Waters (COE CSW). The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) at Dalhousie University in Halifax is supporting the intellectual input in the conference programme.

The theme of the conference is "***Delivering Maritime Security in Global Partnership: Identify Cooperative Strategies for Future Maritime Security Engagement***". The aim of the conference is to examine how existing and future maritime security initiatives can be more efficiently aligned to provide seamless interoperability and to develop a road map for operational implementation of "International Maritime Security Cooperation and Awareness."

A successful response to threats that compromise Maritime Security (MS) requires broad international cooperation because most of these threats are primarily trans-national in nature. MS does not respect boundaries and states must focus on cooperation to counter extra regional and trans-national threats. Besides willingness to share and act on actionable information and intelligence, a common strategy is a basic prerequisite to achieve effectiveness and efficiency in delivering an appropriate response.

The planned topic areas for the 2012 conference are:

- a. **Enhance National MS Governance:**  
*Develop a comprehensive, whole of government approach;*
- b. **Enhance Inter-regional MS Governance:**  
*Develop the way ahead for international Maritime Security Cooperation and Awareness (MSCA);*
- c. **Improve Capabilities - Data Fusion Systems - Design and Standards:**  
*Design effective, interoperable and affordable MSCA infrastructure; and*
- d. **Identify Future Maritime Security Challenges:**  
*Provide a projection for maritime security challenges and how to engage them.*

The topic areas will also form a structure to four panels where multinational experts, military and civilian decision makers together with academics and industry, will identify fields for cooperation and work for a common understanding of Maritime Security Cooperation. They will prepare proposals to streamline existing cooperative regimes through advanced coordination, as well as, to improve and accelerate communication.

Registration will be possible via the conference website at [www.maritimalsecurityconference.org](http://www.maritimalsecurityconference.org). Detailed conference and agenda information will be posted on the conference website. The website will also provide information of the transportation and accommodation options.

Partners from Industry are welcome to contribute to the sponsorship of the event. Each sponsor will have the opportunity to present their company displays in an assigned Exhibition area. In addition, representatives from sponsoring companies will have access to the conference itself. Enterprise sponsors interested in promoting their technologies and activities during the conference will find more information on the website by following the "Sponsors' Link."

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We invite participants to make a presentation providing it is consistent with the themes and objectives of the conference. MSC planners will entertain all requests and will consider the best balance for the proposed agenda. Please forward any recommendations for conference speakers to:

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Further information and details will be distributed in due course. Thank you for your support and interest in attending this world class event.

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