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#### NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Revised draft Council conclusions on the Revised EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) and its Action Plan

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In view of the next meeting of the Working Party on Maritime Issues – EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS), delegations will find attached revised draft Council conclusions on the above subject.

In light of the discussion held in the Working Party meeting of 12 July, and compared with the previous document (11461/23), deletions are marked in ~~strike through~~, and additions are marked in **bold underline**.

Paragraph 2 contains a Presidency compromise proposal which reproduces the entirety of the relevant paragraph in WK 5015/2023 REV 3 as previously agreed by the Working Party.

Delegations are kindly asked to send their written comments by 21 July to [fernando.curcio@maec.es](mailto:fernando.curcio@maec.es) and [maritime@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:maritime@consilium.europa.eu) .

Draft

**Council conclusions on the Revised EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS)  
and its Action Plan**

The Council of the European Union,

RECALLING:

- the European Union Maritime Security Strategy of 24 June 2014<sup>1</sup> and the first Action Plan of 17 December 2014<sup>2</sup>;
  - Council conclusions on the revision of the European Union Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) Action Plan of 26 June 2018<sup>3</sup>;
  - Council conclusions on maritime security of 22 June 2021<sup>4</sup>;
  - the Strategic Compass for Security and Defence - For a European Union that protects its citizens, values and interests and contributes to international peace and security of 21 March 2022<sup>5</sup>;
  - the Joint Communication of the Commission and the High Representative on the update of the EU Maritime Security Strategy and its Action Plan: An enhanced EU Maritime Security Strategy for evolving maritime threats of 10 March 2023<sup>6</sup>;
1. Hereby APPROVES a revised EU Maritime Security Strategy and its Action Plan as set out in the annexes *[to be added]* to these conclusions and thereby REPLACES the EU Maritime Security Strategy from 2014 and the revised Action Plan from 2018 **and builds on its achievements**; the EUMSS and its Action Plan aims to enhance the EU's role internationally and further secure the EU's access to an increasingly contested maritime domain, **particularly in light of** and the consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;
  2. RECALLS that since 2014, the EU Maritime Security Strategy and Action Plan have provided the framework for addressing security challenges at sea. **The strategy has**

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<sup>1</sup> 11205/14  
<sup>2</sup> 17002/14  
<sup>3</sup> 10494/18  
<sup>4</sup> 9946/21  
<sup>5</sup> 7371/22  
<sup>6</sup> 7311/23 + ADD1

**stimulated closer cooperation between civilian and military authorities, in particular through information exchange. It has helped promote rules-based governance at sea and has given a boost to international cooperation.** ~~and have~~ **It has** strengthened the EU's autonomy and capacity to respond to maritime security threats;

3. UNDERLINES that the revised EUMSS lays out the framework for the EU to take further action to protect its interests at sea, and to protect its citizens, values and economy, while promoting international rules and full compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
4. HIGHLIGHTS that the revised EUMSS Action Plan will be implemented by the EU and its Member States in line with their respective competences; CALLS on all implementing actors, particularly Member States, the Commission and the High Representative, to work closely together and, where appropriate, with other EU bodies and agencies, to ~~carry out~~ **implement** the Strategy and its Action Plan, building on the achievements of the EUMSS since 2014, using existing instruments and policies, and following the overall guidance of the Strategic Compass; RECALLS that the Action Plan, ~~as a living document,~~ is subject to **regular** review **and update if so required**;
5. CALLS for focused and regular reporting on the implementation of the Action Plan, including via the Working Party on Maritime Issues – EUMSS, in order to facilitate the exchange of best practices, as well as to enhance awareness and follow-up of implementation activities **to monitor progress and assess gaps and emerging threats**;
6. INVITES the Commission and the High Representative to submit to the Council a joint progress report with contributions from the Member States three years after the Strategy is approved by the Council.