

1 Supplementary File

2 Summary of conducted interviews

	Date	Via	Language	Involvement of Interviewee	Code(s)
Interview 1	2016	In person	English	Drafting and implementation	DCoC, YCoC
Interview 2	2016	Skype	English	Drafting and implementation	ReCAAP
Interview 3	2016	Skype	English	Drafting and implementation	DCoC
Interview 4	2016	Telephone	English	Drafting and implementation	YCoC
Interview 5	2017	Telephone	English	Drafting and implementation	DCoC, YCoC
Interview 6	2025	Email	English	Implementation	DCoC
Interview 7	2025	Email	English	Implementation	DCoC
Interview 8	2025	Email	English	Implementation	DCoC
Interview 9	2025	Zoom	English	Drafting and implementation	YCoC
Interview 10	2025	Zoom	English	Implementation	DCoC
Interview 11	2025	Email	English	Implementation	YCoC
Interview 12	2025	Email	English	Implementation	YCoC
Interview 13	2025	Email	French	Implementation	YCoC

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4 All interviews were conducted as semi-structured interviews, meaning there was a pre-determined set of
5 questions that could be elaborated on upon the interviewer's request. Questions asked via email were not
6 followed up on. The interviews in 2016 and 2017 (I1-I5) were conducted in the context of a different, yet
7 similar research interest. Insights were utilised insofar as they addressed the legal status of the agreements.
8 The interviews in 2025 (I6-I13) asked the following set of questions:

- 9 1. How does your work relate to the [respective regional agreement] and its implementation?
- 10 2. When the [respective regional agreement] was adopted in [respective year of adoption], it included the
11 intention to transform the Code into a binding agreement. To your knowledge, why has this not been
12 realised? Are there intentions or ongoing efforts to change this?
- 13 3. From your perspective, how does the fact that the [respective regional agreement] is not legally binding
14 affect its implementation? Is it conducive to operation, hindering commitment, or not relevant for
15 implementation? What would change if the Code were made legally binding?
- 16 4. Looking ahead, which route do you see the [respective regional agreement] taking in the future? Where
17 do you see potential but also challenges for effective maritime security governance in the region?