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IMCTC Secretary-General, Maj. Gen. Mohammed bin Saeed Al-Moghedi received today at its HQ, Tuesday 06/06/2023, HE the Defense Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Mr. Abdulkadir Mohamed Nur, and his accompanying delegation.

HE Minister Abdulkadir and accompanying delegation were briefed on IMCTC's core mission, strategic initiatives, and the coordination and consolidation of its member countries' effort in order to disrupt, defeat terrorism in the Muslim world and at the global level. HE Minister Nur was also brought to up to speed on the latest reports, statistics and monitoring conducted by IMCTC on terrorist groups and organizations around the world.

The meeting also discussed a range of issues including countering extremism, terrorism, and means to strengthen the collaborative efforts between IMCTC and the Federal Republic of Somalia as a member state of the Coalition.

Minister Nur commended IMCTC's counter-terrorism approach and its strategic initiatives that it seeks to implement in partnership with other international centers and organizations in this regard. He added that the progress that IMCTC has made since its inception reflects the strong and determined will of its member states to defeat terrorism and praised the generous support provided by the Saudi government to IMCTC in furtherance of its mission to eradicate violent extremism and terrorism.

For his part, Maj. Gen. Al-Moghedi, pointed out that the strategic location of the Federal Government of Somalia in eastern Africa and its proximity to Bab Al-Mandab strait plays a major role in countering terrorism in general, and in particular with regard to maritime piracy conducted by extremist terrorist groups. Such terrorist organizations seek to disrupt international maritime navigation and pose a real threat to regional, global security and the freedom of international maritime trade.

He further added that IMCTC looks forward to receiving the Delegates of the Federal Republic of Somalia to work alongside with the rest of their fellow Delegates from IMCTC Member Countries to exchange experiences across counter-terrorism domains.