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Atlantic Centre Meets with Delegation from the Embassy of the Republic of Ireland

On February 12, a meeting was held between the Atlantic Centre (AC) and a delegation from the Embassy of the Republic of Ireland. This delegation was led by Her Excellency Ambassador Alma Ní Choigligh, who was accompanied by the Second Secretary, Mr. Darren McVeigh.

On this occasion, Rear-admiral Nuno de Noronha Bragança presented the AC, its mission, and ongoing activities, while also taking the opportunity to invite Ireland to participate in the 5th Maritime Security Course (V CSM) and to consider a potential membership in the AC.

During the meeting, the capacity-building projects developed by the AC were also presented, notably the *Visit, Board, Search and Seizure* (VBSS) project with Cape Verde, given Ireland's concerns about drug trafficking in the Atlantic. This is one of the areas of shared interest where there is potential for cooperation between the AC and Ireland.