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## PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES

### Developments relating to the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on developments, since C 101, relating to the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	6
<i>High-level action:</i>	6.1.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	N/A
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 12
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 100/7/Add.1; C 100/D, paragraphs 7.3 and 7.4; and C 101/D, paragraphs 10(b).1 to 3

#### Background

1 C 101, having received a report on developments to protect the vital shipping lanes of the Malacca Strait, following the 2007 Singapore meeting on the “Straits of Malacca and Singapore: Enhancing Safety, Security and Environmental Protection” and, in particular, with respect to the development of a Cooperative Mechanism, established by the three littoral States concerned (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore), noted, with appreciation information on the establishment of the various components of the Cooperative Mechanism and for their timely implementation. Appreciation was also expressed to Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, for contributions made and support pledged to the advancement of the scope and objectives of the concerted effort undertaken. The establishment of the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund as an IMO Fund was also noted with appreciation.

2 C 101 requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of developments; and reaffirmed its mandate to him to continue his work relating to the protection of shipping lanes of strategic importance and significance; and to report to the Council as and when appropriate.

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Aids to Navigation Fund (ANF) Committee Meeting**

3 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Aids to Navigation Fund (ANF) Committee of the Cooperative Mechanism (CM) was held in Malacca, Malaysia, on 13 and 14 April 2009 and was attended by representatives from the three littoral States (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore) and representatives from the United Arab Emirates, the Nippon Foundation (NF), Malacca Strait Council (MSC) and the Middle East Navigation Aids Service (MENAS). The Meeting was also attended by observers from China, Greece, India, Japan and the Secretariat.

4 The ANF Committee noted information provided by the ANF Secretariat on contributions made by user States and other users of the Straits, as follows:

- .1 US\$1.351 million and US\$100,000, from NF and the United Arab Emirates, respectively, in 2008;
- .2 US\$2.5 million, pledged by NF (to be lodged by the second half of 2009);
- .3 US\$500,000, pledged by MSC (to be lodged after the conclusion of the meeting);
- .4 a second contribution of US\$100,000 pledged by the United Arab Emirates; and
- .5 US\$913,000, pledged by India to be deposited into the ANF for stages 2 and 3 of project 4 (Wind, Tide and Current Measurement System) for 2010.

5 The ANF Committee was informed that, following the establishment of the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund (IMO Fund), and the receipt of a US\$1 million contribution provided by Greece, progress had been made towards the establishment of an informal Joint Technical Arrangement (JTA) between the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and IMO on the utilization of the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Fund for the Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore under the Cooperative Mechanism, as a prerequisite for the disbursement of funds, which was expected to be concluded shortly. Contributions from the IMO Fund to the ANF and the projects under the CM could be disbursed after completion and signature of the JTA.

6 The ANF Committee amended the Rules of Procedure of the ANF, authorizing its Chairman to enter into an agreement with any contributor in order to verify the contribution.

7 The ANF Committee, *inter alia*, considered and noted: the report on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter maintenance of the Aids to Navigation (AtoN); the rescheduling of the Indonesian 2<sup>nd</sup> phase assessment survey of the AtoN; the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter work programme for 2009; the report on the financial status of the ANF for year 2008; receipt of US\$774,000.00 from the Government of India for the implementation of project 4, temporarily held in the ANF before disbursement to the littoral States; the report from the Third Party Auditor of the ANF; and the proposed disbursements of funds, subject to availability, for 2009.

8 The ANF Committee also noted cost saving measures presented by Malaysia and Indonesia for the replacement and maintenance of AtoN in 2009; that Indonesia would not utilize the ANF for the maintenance and replacement of the AtoN in the Straits under its control for 2009, but would make every effort to maintain them at their own cost; and that Singapore was utilizing its own funds for their maintenance and repair programme.

9 The ANF Committee agreed that, in order to provide a clear and undistorted picture of the total costs for the replacement, maintenance and repair of the AtoN in the Straits, a comparison report (planned budget and work approved versus actual expenditure and work carried out) should be provided; and all measures taken by the three littoral States to maintain the AtoN in the Straits, without utilizing funds from the ANF, should be shown as in-kind contributions by them and the costs involved should be reported and recorded accordingly.

10 The ANF Committee is fully engaged in the process of activities of the Cooperative Mechanism and excellent progress has been made by the three littoral States and all concerned in its continued operation.

11 The ANF Committee agreed that the 4<sup>th</sup> ANF Committee Meeting would be held in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, on 19 and 20 October 2009.

**Action requested of the Council**

12 The Council is invited to note the information provided in this document; and to comment and decide as it may deem appropriate.

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