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## PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES

### Recent developments of the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document reports on the 8th Aids to Navigation Fund (ANF) meeting pertaining to the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

*Strategic direction:* 6

*High-level action:* 6.1.1

*Planned output:* No related provisions

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 8

*Related documents:* C 106/12, C 106/D, paragraphs 12.2 to 12.4 and C 108/14/1

#### **Eighth session of the ANF Committee**

1 The 8th session of the ANF Committee (Committee) was attended by representatives from the Straits' littoral States (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore) and representatives from China, India, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, the Malacca Strait Council (MSC), International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN) and the Nippon Foundation (NF).

2 The Committee again noted that in 2012, the ANF had received contributions as follows:

- .1 United Arab Emirates – US\$100,000; and
- .2 Malacca Strait Council – US\$500,000.

3 The Committee considered reports on the maintenance of the aids to navigation in the Straits provided by Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore and the annual work performance audit on the aids to navigation in the Straits.

4 The Committee, in considering a report on the financial status of the ANF, noted that the balance, as at 31 March 2012, for the maintenance of aids to navigation was US\$2,405,646.60.

5 The Committee also noted that a total sum of US\$1,934,032 contributed by China (US\$1,021,032) was currently held temporarily in the ANF for the implementation of stage 1 of Project 4 (Tide, Current and Wind Measurement System in the Straits) under the Cooperative Mechanism.

6 The Committee approved the audit report on the accounts of the ANF, as presented by the third party auditor; considered the budget proposals for 2012 and approved a budget of US\$1,974,993 and the projected disbursement of funds for 2012, as follows:

- .1 Indonesia – US\$1,430,085;
- .2 Malaysia – US\$499,908; and
- .3 ANF Secretariat – US\$45,000.

7 The Committee noted with appreciation that:

- .1 The People's Republic of China declared a contribution of US\$200,200 to the Fund in 2012;
- .2 IFAN's contribution of US\$1 million for 2011 will be deposited in the first half of 2012; and
- .3 The Nippon Foundation announced that they will contribute a third of the total cost of maintenance activities to the Fund after internal consultations.

#### **Action requested of the Council**

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

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