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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

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on recent developments pertaining 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>	No related provisions
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 12
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 106/12 and C 106/D, paragraphs 12.2 to 12.4

#### IMO Straits Fund for activities of the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

1 Since the Council's 106th session, preliminary discussion between representatives of the Governments of Germany and Malaysia was held on 2 December 2011 relating to the development of a Wreck Management Information System for the Strait of Malacca under Project 1 on the removal of wrecks in the traffic separation scheme in the Straits. To this end, Germany has agreed to provide a detailed technical scope along with cost estimates for the development of the system.

2 Under the Grant Agreement between the European Commission (EC) and the Secretariat, one unit of the Common HNS Database and spill assessment model (MALACCA-HAZMAP) has been handed over to both Malaysia and Indonesia. The existing model in Singapore has also been updated. Furthermore, system training in Singapore and Malaysia has been completed. It is anticipated that system training in Indonesia will be completed shortly.

3 Further contributions from the IMO Straits Fund to the various projects of the Cooperative Mechanism were considered during the 7th session of the Aids to Navigation Fund (ANF) Committee held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 17 October 2011. The most salient points of the report of that meeting are given in the ensuing paragraphs.

**Seventh session of the ANF Committee**

4 The seventh session of the ANF Committee (Committee) was attended by representatives from the Straits' littoral States (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore) and representatives from India, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, IMO, the Malacca Strait Council (MSC), the International Foundation on Aids to Navigation and the Nippon Foundation (NF).

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

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|----|------------------------|---|------------------|
| .1 | The Republic of Korea  | – | US\$91,554;      |
| .2 | United Arab Emirates   | – | US\$100,000;     |
| .3 | IMO                    | – | US\$100,000;     |
| .4 | Malacca Strait Council | – | US\$500,000; and |
| .5 | Nippon Foundation      | – | US\$1,000,000.   |

6 The Committee considered reports on the maintenance of the aids to navigation in the Straits provided by Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore; the annual work performance audit on the aids to navigation in the Straits by the MSC; and the work programme for 2012.

7 The Committee, in considering a report on the financial status of the ANF for 2011, noted that the balance, as at 1 October 2011, for the maintenance of aids to navigation was US\$2,125,642.13.

8 The Committee also noted that a total sum of US\$1,934,032.22 contributed by China (US\$1,021,032.22) and India (US\$913,000) 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. The Committee further noted that China pledged a contribution of US\$210,000 to the ANF Fund for 2012 implementation of Project 4 under the Cooperative Mechanism.

9 The Committee approved the audit report on the accounts of the ANF, as presented by the third party auditor; considered the budget proposals for 2011 and the projected disbursement of funds; and approved a budget of US\$1,193,278 for 2012, as follows:

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|----|-----------------|---|--|
| .1 | Indonesia       | – | US\$648,370;   |
| .2 | Malaysia        | – | US\$499,908; and   |
| .3 | ANF Secretariat | – | US\$45,000 (Fund meetings (US\$12,000), annual financial audit (US\$3,000) and work performance audit (US\$30,000)). |

10 The Committee noted that, for 2011, Singapore did not utilize the ANF for the maintenance and replacement of its aids to navigation in the Straits. The Committee noted further that Singapore did not request any funds for 2012.

11 The Committee noted the amount in the IMO Straits Fund stands currently at US\$1,437,572. Disbursements made until the end of 2011 were as follows:

- .1 Project 2 – US\$400,171, subject to project delivery;
- .2 Project 3 (in 2009) – US\$24,837;
- .3 Project 4 – US\$100,000 contributed by China and subject to request by the littoral States; and
- .4 Project 7 – US\$50,000 viability study of Emergency Towing Vessel (ETV) service in the Straits.

**Action requested of the Council**

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

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