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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 recent developments pertaining to the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

Strategic direction: 6.1

High-level action: 6.1.1

Output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: C/ES.28/8/1 and C/ES.28/D, section 8; and C 116/12/1 and C 116/D, section 12

Activities of the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

1 Since the Council's 116th session, the following activity relating to the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) has taken place, and relevant documents and reports can be found at <https://tteg-indonesia.com/>.

Seventeenth session of the Aids to Navigation Fund (ANF) Committee

2 The seventeenth session of the Aids to Navigation Fund Committee (ANF-17) was held in Singapore from 22 to 23 September 2016. It was noted that the balance in the ANF bank account, as at 31 August 2016, was \$6,669,194. ANF-17 approved the total budget, including self-funded projects, of \$1,522,039 for 2017, and also approved disbursement of \$728,718 from ANF for 2017.

Ninth session of the Cooperation Forum (CF)

3 The ninth session of the Cooperation Forum (CF-9) was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 26 to 27 September 2016. CF-9 noted the updates of the Cooperative Mechanism and presentations on various Straits Projects. CF-9 also noted that the balance of the IMO Malacca and Singapore Straits Trust Fund would be low by the end of 2016 and, therefore, further donation to the IMO Fund is appreciated.

Forty-first session of the Tripartite Technical Experts Group (TT-EG)

4 The forty-first session of the Tripartite Technical Experts Group (TT-EG 41) was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 28 to 29 September 2016. TT-EG 41 noted the status reports on aids to navigation and on marine casualty affecting traffic movement in the SOMS, as presented by the three littoral States; and also noted updates from Malaysia and Singapore on mandatory ship reporting system (STRAITREP).

5 TT-EG 41 further noted the updates on progress of the Cooperative Mechanism, i.e. the reports of ANF-16 and 17 and CF-9, which were held prior to TT-EG 41, together with presentations on various Straits Projects. In particular, TT-EG 41 considered the development of the draft Guidelines on the places of refuge for ships in need of assistance in the SOMS; the possible voluntary pilotage services in the SOMS; and e-navigation related projects, which are particularly relevant to IMO.

Ninth session of the Project Coordination Committee

6 The ninth session of the Project Coordination Committee (PCC-9) was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 29 to 30 September 2016. PCC-9 discussed further details of the various Straits Projects.

Action requested of the Council

7 The Council is invited to note the information provided in this document.
