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## PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES

### The Singapore Meeting

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** This document reports on the outcome of the Singapore Meeting on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore: Enhancing Safety, Security and Environmental Protection held from 4 to 6 September 2007

**Action to be taken:** Paragraph 15

**Related documents:** C 97/12 and C 97/D, paragraph 12.3(ii)

#### Background

1 The 2005 Jakarta Meeting and the 2006 Kuala Lumpur Meeting<sup>1</sup> (convened to agree on a framework of co-operation among the littoral States, user States and other stakeholders in order to enhance safety of navigation, environmental protection and security in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore) invited the Organization to consider, in consultation with the littoral States, convening a series of follow-on meetings for the littoral States to identify and prioritize their needs, and for user States to identify possible assistance and to respond to those specific needs, which might include provision of resources, capacity building, training and technical support, with a view to promoting further co-operative measures, including possible options for burden sharing.

2 The Council, at its ninety-seventh session (6 to 9 November 2006) considered, under its agenda item on the Protection of Vital Shipping Lanes, the outcome of the Kuala Lumpur Meeting and, *inter alia*, authorized the Secretary-General to proceed with the convening, in consultation with the Straits' littoral States, the suggested meetings. In this regard, it thanked the Government of the Republic of Singapore for offering to host the IMO-sponsored meeting.

#### The Singapore Meeting

3 Pursuant to the aforementioned decisions of the Council and, following consultations between the Secretary-General and the Government of Republic of Singapore, a Meeting on the

<sup>1</sup> Document C 97/12 (Secretary-General) reported on the Meeting on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore: Enhancing Safety, Security and Environmental Protection held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 18 to 20 September 2006 (the Kuala Lumpur Meeting). The Kuala Lumpur Statement is set out in annex 2 to document C 97/12.

Straits of Malacca and Singapore: Enhancing Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, took place in Singapore from 4 to 6 September 2007 (the Meeting). The Meeting, which was organized in co-operation with the Governments of all three littoral States (i.e., Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore), was attended by representatives from a total of 38 States, one United Nations Specialized Agency, one intergovernmental and 14 non-governmental organizations.

4 The Meeting was opened by H.E. Mr. Raymond Lim Siang Keat, Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore, who delivered the welcome address. It was then addressed by H.E. Mr. Jusman Syafii Djamal, Minister for Transportation, Indonesia, and Hon. Dato' Haji Zakaria bin Haji Bahari, Secretary General, Ministry of Transport, Malaysia, delivered an address by the Minister of Transport, Malaysia. The Secretary-General delivered an opening address and H.E. Professor S. Jayakumar, Deputy Prime Minister, Co-ordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Law, Singapore, delivered the keynote address. During the second part of the opening session, the Heads of Delegations of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore delivered opening remarks on behalf of their Governments.

5 The Meeting consisted of a series of presentations and statements associated with open forum discussions on such topics as:

- .1 the Co-operative Mechanism between the littoral States and user States on safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits (the Co-operative Mechanism);
- .2 progress report on the sponsorship of the projects identified during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting;
- .3 safety of navigation and environmental protection: future challenges;
- .4 views of user States;
- .5 views of the industry; and
- .6 the Malacca Straits Security Initiatives.

6 The programme of the Meeting is set out in annex 1 while the various speeches delivered and presentations made during the Meeting will be made available on the IMODOCS website in due course.

7 The Meeting appraised the actions taken by the littoral States in enhancing safety, security and environmental protection in the Straits since the Kuala Lumpur Meeting. The Meeting was also provided with details on the Co-operative Mechanism (which comprises the Co-operation Forum, the Project Coordination Committee and the Aids to Navigation Fund) which was established by the littoral States following the outline provided during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting; and received a report on the progress made with regard to securing sponsors for the six projects on enhancing the safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits which were presented during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting. In addition, the littoral States, user States and users of the Straits exchanged views on related matters.

8 In addition, the Meeting noted the progress made in the implementation of the Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration Project for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (the MEH Demonstration project), developed by IMO in co-operation with the littoral States and funded by

the Global Environment Facility of the World Bank and with financial support from the Republic of Korea. The Meeting also noted, with appreciation, the latest developments in the Malacca Straits Security Initiatives of the littoral States and that the Information Sharing Centre of the Regional Co-operation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) had become operational.

9 The Council may recall that, following a comprehensive analysis and assessment of the current and future needs of the Straits in the fields of safety of navigation and environmental protection, the littoral States presented, during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting, six related project proposals. Since then, China has agreed to undertake the implementation of the project relating to the Replacement of aids to navigation damaged by the tsunami incident in December 2004 and carried out an assessment mission to the affected region. In addition, the United States of America, together with China, have carried out a need assessment exercise to refine the project on Co-operation and capacity building on hazardous and noxious substance preparedness and response in the Straits. As a result of the efforts to secure sponsorships for the remaining projects, the littoral States have undertaken a review of the original proposals presented during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting and the following five updated project proposals were presented to the Meeting:

- .1 Removal of wrecks in the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore;
- .2 Co-operation and capacity building on Hazardous and Noxious Substance (HNS) preparedness and response in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore;
- .3 Demonstration project of class B Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponder on small ships;
- .4 Setting up a tide, current and wind measurement system for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore to enhance navigational safety and marine environment protection; and
- .5 Replacement and maintenance of aids to navigation in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

10 The littoral States also reported that they had reached the conclusion that, at this stage, it would be best to seek and secure sponsors for the remaining five projects rather than to identify and prioritize, in response to what had been agreed during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting, any new needs in the fields of safety of navigation and environmental protection. However, at the same time, the littoral States noted that the above five projects represented high priority needs and, therefore, they decided not to put forward any new proposals for projects dealing with issues which need attention but which, at present, were of a lesser priority.

11 During the Meeting, several State representatives pledged the provision of general support to the Co-operative Mechanism and the updated projects. In particular, the representatives of Australia, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United Arab Emirates pledged to provide further support to some of the projects. Furthermore, the observer of the Nippon Foundation stated that it “is prepared to contribute to the Aids to Navigation Fund up to a third of the costs associated with the funding of the maintenance and repair of the aids to navigation (in the Straits) during the initial five-year period, until the necessary funds have been collected from voluntary contributions from around the world”.

- 12 At the end of its deliberations, the Meeting agreed, *inter alia*, that:
- .1 the work of the Tripartite Technical Expert Group on Safety of Navigation (TTEG) should continue to be supported and encouraged in enhancing the safety of navigation and in protecting the marine environment in the Straits;
  - .2 the Co-operative Mechanism, which comprises of the Co-operation Forum, the Project Co-ordination Committee and the Aids to Navigation Fund, should be supported and encouraged;
  - .3 user States, shipping industry and other stakeholders should seek to participate in, and endeavour to contribute, on a voluntary basis, to the work of the Co-operative Mechanism;
  - .4 the projects<sup>2</sup> presented at the Kuala Lumpur Meeting or parts thereof, which have not yet attracted sponsors, should be supported; and
  - .5 the littoral States should continue their efforts towards enhancing maritime security in the Straits and that such efforts should be supported and encouraged.

13 The Meeting invited the Organization “to participate in the Co-operative Mechanism; to continue to co-operate with the littoral States; and to provide every assistance possible in attracting sponsors for the projects presented during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting and contributors for the establishment, maintenance, repair and replacement of the aids to navigation in the Straits”.

14 The Meeting was assessed as successfully attaining its main objective, namely to provide a forum for discussions with the aim of promoting and advancing the establishment of a framework of co-operation to enhance the safety of navigation, environmental protection and security in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. The outcome of the Meeting is reflected in the unanimously adopted Singapore Statement, which is set out in annex 2.

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

15 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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<sup>2</sup> Refer to document IMO/KUL 1/3. The littoral States have updated the projects presented during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting and the updated versions of the projects are provided in document IMO/SGP 1/3 (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore).

ANNEX 1



REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE MEETING ON THE STRAITS OF  
MALACCA AND SINGAPORE: ENHANCING  
SAFETY, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
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PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2007

***Session 1 (Part I) – Opening session***

Welcome address

*by H.E. Mr. Raymond Lim Siang Keat,*

*Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore*

Address

*by H.E. Mr. Jusman Syafii Djamal,*

*Minister for Transportation, Indonesia*

Address

*by Hon. Dato' Haji Zakaria bin Haji Bahari,*

*Secretary General, Ministry of Transport, Malaysia  
(representing the Minister of Transport of Malaysia)*

Address

*by Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos,*

*Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization*

Keynote address

*by H.E. Professor S. Jayakumar,*

*Deputy Prime Minister, Co-ordinating Minister for National Security and  
Minister for Law, Singapore*

***Break***

***Session 1 (Part II) – Opening session***

Remarks by the Head of Delegation of the Republic of Singapore  
*by BG (NS) Choi Shing Kwok,  
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Singapore*

Remarks by the Head of Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia  
*by Mr. Eddy Pratomo,  
Director General for Legal Affairs and International Treaties, Department of Foreign Affairs,  
Indonesia*

Remarks by the Head of Delegation of Malaysia  
*by Dato' Captain Ahmad Othman,  
Director General, Marine Department, Malaysia*

***Lunch Break***

***Session 2 – The Co-operative Mechanism***

Moderator: *Ambassador Barry Desker,  
Dean of S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore*

The Co-operative Mechanism  
*by Mr. Bebeb A.K.N. Djundjunan,  
Deputy Director for Political Security and Territorial Affairs, Directorate General of Legal  
Affairs and International Treaties, Department of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia*  
*and*  
*by Mr. Muhammad Razif Ahmad,  
Director of Seafarers and Ports Division, Marine Department, Malaysia*  
*and*  
*by Mr. Yee Cheok Hong,  
Director (Policy), Maritime and Port Authority, Singapore*

Remarks by the United States  
*by VADM (USCG) Charles Wurster,  
Commander, Pacific Area, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,  
United States*

Remarks by Japan  
*by Mr. Kosuke Shibata,  
Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan*

Remarks by China  
*by Mr. Ju Chengzhi,  
Director General, Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Communications,  
China*

Open forum

Remarks and comments by participants

**Break**

**Session 3 – Projects relating to the enhancements of safety of navigation and environmental protection**

Moderator: *BG (NS) Tay Lim Heng,*  
*Chief Executive, Maritime and Port Authority, Singapore*

*Part I – The MEH demonstration project for the Straits*

Recent developments in relation to the implementation of the MEH demonstration project for the Straits

*by Mr. Koji Sekimizu,*  
*Director, Maritime Safety Division, International Maritime Organization*

*Part II – The projects presented during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting*

Developments in relation to projects 1 to 6 (*introduction*)

*by Mr. Yee Cheok Hong,*  
*Director (Policy), Maritime and Port Authority, Singapore*

The updated Project 1 on Removal of wrecks in the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

*by Mr. Rosnan Fathlal,*  
*Principal Assistant Director, Safety of Navigation Division, Marine Department, Malaysia*

The updated Project 2 on Co-operation and capacity building on hazardous and noxious substance preparedness and response in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

*by Mr. Rosnan Fathlal,*  
*Principal Assistant Director, Safety of Navigation Division, Marine Department, Malaysia*  
*and*

*by LCDR Joe Loring,*  
*Executive Officer, Pacific Strike Team, United States Coast Guard, United States*  
*and*

*by Mr. Song Shoukui,*  
*Official, Shangdong Maritime Safety Administration, China*

The updated Project 3 on Demonstration project of class B Automatic Identification System transponder on small ships

*by Captain Daniel Yen Teck Foo,*  
*Senior Marine Officer, Port Division, Maritime and Port Authority, Singapore*

The updated Project 4 on Setting up tide, current and wind measurement systems for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore to enhance navigational safety and marine environment protection

*by Captain Daniel Yen Teck Foo,*  
*Senior Marine Officer, Port Division, Maritime and Port Authority, Singapore*

The updated Project 5 on Replacement and maintenance of aids to navigation in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

*by Mr. Yuri Gunadi,*  
*Director for Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Transportation, Department of Transportation, Indonesia*

Progress report on the implementation of project 6 on Replacement of aids to navigation damaged by the tsunami disaster of December 2004

by Mr. Yuri Gunadi,

*Director for Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Transportation, Department of Transportation, Indonesia*  
and

by Mr. Zhang Xiaojie,

*Director, Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Communications, China*

*Part III – Open forum (on issues raised during parts I and II)*

Remarks and comments by participants

***Welcome dinner***

*hosted by H.E. Mr. Raymond Lim Siang Keat,*

*Minister for Transport & Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore*

**WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2007**

***Session 4 – Enhancing the safety of navigation and environmental protection: Future challenges***

*Moderator: Associate Professor Robert Beckman,  
National University of Singapore*

*Part I – Safety of Navigation*

Emerging trends in vessel traffic through the Straits

by Mr. Yasuhiro Okanishi\*,

*Director, International Shipping Division, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan*

Enhanced radar coverage of the Straits

by Mr. Yuri Gunadi,

*Director for Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Transportation, Department of Transportation, Indonesia*

Continued commitment to maintaining safety of navigation in the Straits

by Dato' Captain Ahmad Othman,

*Director General, Marine Department, Malaysia*

*Part II – Environmental Protection*

The environmental impact of the present and projected vessel traffic in the Straits

by Professor Dr. Hasjim Djalal,

*Special Advisor to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia*

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\* In a personal capacity.



Marine habitat protection: A Singapore case study

by *Professor Chou Loke Ming*,  
*National University of Singapore*  
and

by *Dr. Nigel Goh*,  
*National Parks Board, Singapore*

*Part III – Open forum (on issues raised during parts I and II)*

Remarks and comments by participants

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***Break***

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***Session 5 (Part I) – Views of user States***

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Moderator: *Ambassador Mary Seet-Cheng*,  
*Senior Specialist Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore*

An Australian perspective on compliance to the OPRC HNS Protocol and application of AIS Class B to strategic waterways

by *Mr. Gary Andrew Prosser*,  
*General Manager, Maritime Safety and Environmental Strategy, Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Australia*

Presentation by China

by *Mr. Ju Chengzhi*,  
*Director General, Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Communications, China*

Presentation by Germany

by *Dr. Robert Kühner, Head of Unit, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, Germany*

Presentation by India

by *Inspector General Achutan Rajasekhar, PTM, TM*,  
*Commander, Indian Coast Guard*

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***Lunch Break***

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***Session 5 (Part II) – Views of user States***

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Moderator: *Ambassador Mary Seet-Cheng*,  
*Senior Specialist Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore*

Presentation by Japan

by *Mr. Kosuke Shibata*,  
*Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan*

Presentation by the United Arab Emirates

by *H.E. Ahmed Abdulla Al Musalli*,  
*Ambassador, Director of Asian and African Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Presentation by the United States  
*by VADM (USCG) Charles Wurster,  
Commander, Pacific Area, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,  
United States*

Open forum (*on issues raised during parts I and II*)

Remarks and comments by participants

**Break**

**Session 6 – Views of the industry**

Moderator: *Mr. Teo Siong Seng,  
President, Singapore Shipping Association*

Statement by the Nippon Foundation  
*by Mr. Masazumi Nagamitsu,  
Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation*

Owning or operating ships using or transiting the Straits  
*by Mr. Peter Hinchliffe,  
General Manager (Marine), International Chamber of Shipping*

Owning or operating ships using or transiting the Straits  
*by Mr. Tim Wilkins,  
Regional Manager Asia-Pacific, International Association of Independent Tanker Owners*

Identifying the true beneficiaries of safe and secure navigation in the Straits  
*by Mr. Thomas Timlen,  
Head of Department for Security and International Affairs, BIMCO*

Owning or operating ships using or transiting the Straits  
*by Mr. Wang Cheng,  
Secretary General, Asian Ship-owners Forum*

Manning ships using or transiting the Straits  
*by Mr. Jon Whitlow,  
Secretary (Seafarers, Fisheries and Inland Navigation), International Transport Workers'  
Federation*

Providing protection and indemnity cover for ships using or transiting the Straits  
*by Mr. John Morris  
Chairman & Regional Director, Thomas Miller (Asia Pacific) Limited,  
on behalf of the International Group of P&I Clubs*

Open forum

Remarks and comments by participants

THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

***Session 7 – Briefing on the Malacca Straits Security Initiatives***

Moderator: *Rear Admiral Tay Kian Seng,  
Head of Naval Operations, Republic of Singapore Navy*

Presentations of the co-operative work of the littoral States to enhance maritime security in the Straits

*by Rear Admiral Maritime Dato' Noor Aziz Yunan,  
Deputy Director General (Operations), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency  
and*

*by Colonel (Navy) Desi Mamahit,  
Operational Assistant to Western Fleet Commander, Indonesia Western Fleet  
and*

*by Colonel Siow Chee Kiang,  
Deputy Head of Naval Operations, Republic of Singapore Navy*

Open forum

Remarks and comments by participants

***Break***

***Session 8 – Consideration of outcomes***

Chairman: *Professor Tommy Koh,  
Ambassador-At-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore*

Consideration and adoption of the Singapore Statement

***Lunch Break***

***Session 9 – Closing ceremony***

Closing remarks by participants other than the littoral States

Closing remarks by the United States  
*by H.E. Ms. Patricia L. Herbold,  
Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Singapore*

Closing remarks by Japan  
*by Mr. Kosuke Shibata,  
Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport*

Closing remarks by Japan  
*by Mr. Kazuyoshi Umemoto, Deputy Director-General, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs*

Closing remarks by Kenya  
*by Mr. Peter Kinuthia Thuo,*  
*Director, Maritime and Shipping Affairs, Ministry of Transport*

Closing remarks by Liberia  
*by Mr. George M. Arku,*  
*Permanent Representative of Liberia to IMO, Liberian Permanent Mission to the IMO*

Closing remarks by the United Arab Emirates  
*by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abdulla Al Musalli,*  
*Ambassador, Director of Asian and African Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Closing remarks on behalf of the International Chamber of Shipping  
*by Mr. Peter Hinchliffe,*  
*General Manager (Marine)*

Closing remarks on behalf of the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners  
*by Mr. Tim Wilkins,*  
*Regional Manager Asia-Pacific*

Closing remarks on behalf of BIMCO  
*by Mr. Thomas Timlen,*  
*Head of Department for Security and International Affairs, BIMCO*

Closing remarks by Indonesia  
*by Mr. Yuri Gunadi,*  
*Director for Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Transportation, Department of Transportation, Indonesia*

Closing remarks by Malaysia  
*by Dato' Captain Ahmad Othman, Director General, Marine Department, Malaysia*

Closing remarks on behalf of the Secretary-General of IMO  
*by Mr. Koji Sekimizu,*  
*Director, Maritime Safety Division, International Maritime Organization*

Closing remarks by Singapore and closing of the meeting by the Chairman  
*by BG (NS) Choi Shing Kwok,*  
*Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Singapore*

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## ANNEX 2



REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE MEETING ON THE STRAITS OF  
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**SINGAPORE STATEMENT****ON**

**ENHANCEMENT OF SAFETY, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**

Singapore on 6 September 2007

The Government of the Republic of Singapore and the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as “IMO”) convened, pursuant to the decisions of the Meeting on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore: Enhancing Safety, Security and Environmental Protection held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 18 to 20 September 2006 (hereinafter referred to as “the Kuala Lumpur Meeting”) and of the ninety-seventh session of the Council of the IMO in relation to the Protection of Vital Shipping Lanes, a Meeting on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore: Enhancing Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, which took place in Singapore from 4 to 6 September 2007 (hereinafter referred to as “the Singapore Meeting”). The Singapore Meeting was organized in co-operation with the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Malaysia.

The purpose of the Singapore Meeting was to provide a follow-up forum to build on the outcome of the Meeting on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore: Enhancing Safety, Security and Environmental Protection held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 7 and 8 September 2005 (hereinafter referred to as “the Jakarta Meeting”) and the Kuala Lumpur Meeting. During the Singapore Meeting, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “littoral States”) presented, *inter alia*: the actions taken by them in enhancing safety, security and environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (hereinafter referred to as “the Straits”) since the Kuala Lumpur Meeting; details on the Co-operative Mechanism they have established following the outline they provided during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting; and the progress made with regard to securing sponsors for the six projects on enhancing the safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits they presented during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting. The littoral States, user States and users of the Straits exchanged views on related

matters and the participants were updated on the latest developments following the start of the implementation of the Marine Electronic Highway demonstration project for the Straits.

The Singapore Meeting was attended by Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore and by delegations from:

ANGOLA	LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
AUSTRALIA	REPUBLIC
BAHAMAS	LIBERIA
BANGLADESH	MYANMAR
BELGIUM	NEW ZEALAND
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	NORWAY
CAMBODIA	PANAMA
CANADA	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
CHINA	PHILIPPINES
CYPRUS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	SAUDI ARABIA
DENMARK	SOUTH AFRICA
FINLAND	SWEDEN
GERMANY	THAILAND
GREECE	TURKEY
INDIA	UKRAINE
ITALY	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
JAPAN	UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
KENYA	AND NORTHERN IRELAND
	UNITED STATES

by a representative from the following United Nations specialized agency:

WORLD BANK GROUP

by an observer from the following intergovernmental organization:

INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO)

and by observers from the following non-governmental organizations:

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING (ICS)  
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF)  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND  
LIGHTHOUSE AUTHORITIES (IALA)  
BIMCO  
OIL COMPANIES INTERNATIONAL MARINE FORUM (OCIMF)  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATIONS (IFSMA)  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT TANKER OWNERS  
(INTERTANKO)  
THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P & I ASSOCIATIONS (P & I Clubs)  
THE INTERNATIONAL TANKER OWNERS POLLUTION FEDERATION LTD  
(ITOPF)  
SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL GAS TANKER AND TERMINAL OPERATORS  
LIMITED (SIGTTO)

INTERNATIONAL PARCEL TANKERS ASSOCIATION (IPTA)  
MALACCA STRAIT COUNCIL  
THE NIPPON FOUNDATION  
ASIAN SHIPOWNERS' FORUM

The SINGAPORE MEETING,

UPHOLDING the Batam Joint Statement, adopted on 2 August 2005 by the Fourth Tripartite Ministerial Meeting of the Littoral States on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore,

RECALLING the achievements of the Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur Meetings and upholding also the Jakarta Statement, adopted on 8 September 2005 by the Jakarta Meeting, and the Kuala Lumpur Statement<sup>3</sup>, adopted on 20 September 2006 by the Kuala Lumpur Meeting,

RECALLING ALSO that the Straits are located within the territorial sea of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore and within the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone of Malaysia and Indonesia and are straits used for international navigation as defined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (hereinafter referred to as "UNCLOS"),

RECOGNIZING the continued strategic importance of the Straits for regional and global seaborne trade and economy and the need to ensure that they remain safe and open to shipping at all times,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the importance of enhancing the safety, security and protection of the marine environment of the Straits and the possibility that unlawful acts committed therein may have a negative impact on the flow of traffic there-through; and, consequently, on trade and the economy,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the equally important role of the Straits in contributing towards the development and enrichment of the economies and people of other States,

AFFIRMING the sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction and territorial integrity of the littoral States over the Straits, as provided for under international law, in particular UNCLOS, and that the primary responsibility over the safety of navigation, environmental protection and maritime security in the Straits lies with the littoral States,

COMMENDING the sustained efforts and achievements of the Tripartite Technical Experts Group on Safety of Navigation (hereinafter referred to as "TTEG on Safety of Navigation") in enhancing safety of navigation and protection of the marine environment in the Straits,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the TTEG on Safety of Navigation is an effective mechanism for advancing future co-operation efforts among interested parties consonant with article 43 of UNCLOS,

ACKNOWLEDGING ALSO the role of IMO, the user States, the shipping industry and other stakeholders in co-operating with the littoral States in promoting and enhancing safety of

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<sup>3</sup> The Kuala Lumpur Statement is set out in document IMO/KUL 1/4. It is also found in document C 97/12 (Secretary-General), annex 2 and in document IMO/SGP 1/INF.3, annex 6.

navigation and environmental protection, and in ensuring the uninterrupted flow of traffic in the Straits,

WELCOMING the progress made in relation to the implementation of the Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration Project for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore,

COMMENDING the significant and effective efforts of the littoral States since the Kuala Lumpur Meeting in enhancing safety of navigation, environmental protection and security in the Straits; and, in particular, in reducing substantially the number of shipping incidents, oil spill incidents from ships, and armed robbery and other unlawful acts against ships,

COMMENDING FURTHER the joint efforts of the armed forces of the littoral States in contributing to the security of the Straits, through the Malacca Straits Sea Patrols and the “Eyes in the Sky” maritime air patrols, as formalized by the signing of the Malacca Straits Patrol Standard Operating Procedures on 21 April 2006,

WELCOMING WITH APPRECIATION the establishment by the littoral States of the Co-operative Mechanism between the littoral States and user States on safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits<sup>4</sup>, consisting of three components namely the Co-operation Forum, the Project Co-ordination Committee and the Aids to Navigation Fund (hereinafter referred to as “Co-operative Mechanism”), the aim of which is to facilitate regular discussions, exchange of information and co-operation between littoral States, user States, the shipping industry and other stakeholders for the enhancement of safety of navigation in and protection of the environment of the Straits,

RECOGNIZING that the establishment of the Co-operative Mechanism represents, notwithstanding the role of the TTEG on Safety of Navigation, a historic breakthrough and landmark achievement in co-operation between States bordering a strait used for international navigation and user States as well as other interested stakeholders, and, for the first time, brings to realization the spirit and intent of article 43 of the UNCLOS,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the importance and potential of the Co-operative Mechanism in promoting dialogue and co-operation on matters pertaining to the enhancement of the safety of navigation in, and the protection of the environment of, the Straits,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION that the Information Sharing Centre (hereinafter referred to as “the Centre”) of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia is already operational and welcoming the indication of preparedness of Indonesia and Malaysia to co-operate with the Centre,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION ALSO the contribution States and other stakeholders have made and continue to make towards the enhancement of the safety of navigation in, and the protection of the environment of, the Straits,

RECALLING that the littoral States identified, during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting, six projects aimed at enhancing the safety of navigation in, and the protection of the environment of, the Straits (hereinafter referred to as “the six projects”) and that the Kuala Lumpur Meeting has agreed that the implementations of the six projects should be supported,

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<sup>4</sup> Refer to document IMO/SGP 1/2.1/1 (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore).



COMMENDING the States which initiated a process, or made arrangements, for supporting or undertaking the implementation of some of the six projects or parts thereof,

DESIRING that the Straits remain safe and open to international shipping at all times, in accordance with international law, in particular UNCLOS, and, where applicable, domestic law, and to build upon and enhance existing co-operative arrangements and measures towards this end,

DESIRING FURTHER to continue to enhance the safety, security and environmental protection of the Straits,

HAS AGREED that:

- (a) the work of the TTEG on Safety of Navigation, in enhancing the safety of navigation and in protecting the marine environment in the Straits, should continue to be supported and encouraged;
- (b) the Co-operative Mechanism<sup>5</sup>, which comprises of the Co-operation Forum, the Project Co-ordination Committee and the Aids to Navigation Fund, should be supported and encouraged;
- (c) user States, shipping industry and other stakeholders should seek to participate in and endeavour to contribute, on a voluntary basis, to the work of the Co-operative Mechanism;
- (d) the projects<sup>6</sup> presented at the Kuala Lumpur Meeting or parts thereof which have not yet attracted sponsors should be supported; and
- (e) the littoral States should continue their efforts towards enhancing maritime security in the Straits and that such efforts should be supported and encouraged;

HAS INVITED IMO to participate in the Co-operative Mechanism, to continue to co-operate with the littoral States and to provide every assistance possible in attracting sponsors for the projects presented during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting and contributors for the establishment, maintenance, repair and replacement of the aids to navigation in the Straits;

EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION to the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the excellent arrangements made for, and for the facilities and generous hospitality provided during, the Singapore Meeting; and to the Governments of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Republic of Singapore and the International Maritime Organization for their diligent efforts to prepare for the Singapore Meeting and ensure its successful conclusion.

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<sup>5</sup> Refer to document IMO/SGP 1/2.1/1 (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore).

<sup>6</sup> Refer to document IMO/KUL 1/3. The littoral States have updated the projects presented during the Kuala Lumpur Meeting and the updated versions of the projects are provided in document IMO/SGP 1/3 (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore).