

PROJECTS UNDER THE COOPERATIVE MECHANISM

Submitted by Secretariat

Introduction

1. There are six projects proposed by the littoral States for implementation in cooperation with users of the Straits under the Cooperative Mechanism. These projects are aimed at enhancing safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits.

2. The six projects are-

- .1 Project 1 : Removal of wrecks in the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore
- .2 Project 2 : Co-operation and capacity building on hazardous and noxious substance preparedness and response in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore
- .3 Project 3 : Demonstration project of class B Automatic Identification System transponder on small ships
- .4 Project 4 : Setting up tide, current and wind measurement systems for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore to enhance navigational safety and marine environment protection
- .5 Project 5 : Replacement and maintenance of aids to navigation in the Malacca and Singapore Straits
- .6 Project 6 : Replacement of aids to navigation damaged by the tsunami disaster of December 2004

Details of the projects as per Annex.

3. These projects were reviewed and updated during Pre-Project Coordination Committee Meeting held in Manado, Indonesia on 23rd October 2007. The meeting was attended by representatives from the littoral States and potential contributors from Australia, People's Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States and stakeholders from Nippon Foundation, Malacca Strait Council, Nippon Maritime Center and Japan International Transport Institute.

Contribution

4. China, following the interest it expressed during Kuala Lumpur Meeting, confirmed that it will undertake the project in its entirety in a step by step implementation approach.

5. While other States who voiced their commitment and interest to contribute during Singapore Meeting in year 2007 are as follows :

- .1 Project 2 – Australia, China and the United States
- .2 Project 3 - Australia, Japan and Republic of Korea
- .3 Project 4 – China
- .4 Project 5 – Japan and Republic of Korea

6. To date there are no sponsors for Project 1.

Action requested of the Committee

7. The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided, to comment and decide as it may deem appropriate.