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- Nowadays the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) is one of the world's busiest shipping lanes
- Projection show that this stretch of water will see a significant increase in maritime trade
- To ensure safety and efficiency of vessels plying SOMS, all stakeholders must continue to cooperate mutually
- Navigating safely results in the protection of the SOMS marine environment

- Safety and security in maritime operations especially—in Malacca Straits, which are used for international navigation and shipping lanes of strategic significance, are of utmost importance for Greece
- The IMO-adopted: (a) Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the SOMS and (b) Mandatory Ship Reporting System known as STRAITREP are consistently applied by all Greek ships sailing the SOMS

- Approximately 100 Greek ships are using the SOMS maritime route every month.
- To ensure safe navigation all ships comply with the rules established by the Cooperative Mechanism, including these regulations on anchoring, visibility and crossing traffic

- Greece supports Co-Operative mechanism, in order:
- 1. to enhance coordination in the establishment and maintenance of navigational and safety aids in Malacca Straits
- 2. to prevent and control pollution from ships sailing through Malacca Straits

Above all the Mechanism represents a commitment to continuous dialogue and cooperation among the littoral States, the shipping industry and all stakeholders on issues of relevance to Straits

- Within this context, Greece express its appreciation to the littoral states of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore for the timely implementation of the various components of the Cooperative Mechanism in the Straits
- For this reason, Greece already contributed the amount of 1 million USD to the Aids to Navigation Fund (ANF)

Thank you for your attention

