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The Tripartite Technical Expert Group and Cooperative Mechanism

Future synergies for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

39th TTEG and 7th CF

- The TTEG
- The Cooperative Mechanism
- Synergies
- Proposals for the future

The TTEG

 Established in 1977 following consultations between the three littoral States to:

"...enhance safety of navigation and promote close cooperation and coordination on anti pollution policy and measures in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore..."

 And to undertake specific activities in relation to pilotage, hydrographic survey, establishment of TSS, compensation for oil pollution and consultation with IMO (IMCO)

The TTEG

- 37th TTEG
 - Old challenges, new perspective
 - Ensuring safety of navigation in light of advances in shipping, changes in international law and changes in traffic volume and pattern
 - Expanded scope
 - Shipping and environment
 - Institutional framework
 - To continue with present rotation system or to seek a more 'permanent' institutional framework

The Cooperative Mechanism

- Signs of 'growing pains'?
 - sustaining the cooperative mechanism as highlighted by BIMCO
 - should not become a 'talk-shop
 - victim of its own success?
 - need to continuously identify new projects and activities
 - continuity

Areas of synergy

- Data collection, collation, analysis and dissemination
- Marketing strategy to continuously promote the Cooperative Mechanism
- Consultation with users and intergovernmental organisations
- Research
- Public awareness and publicity
- Project identification and monitoring

Recommendations

- Need for seamless relationship between TTEG and CM/CF
- Explore strengthening of institutional framework to provide support to both TTEG and CM/CF
- Provide space for TTEG and CM to perform their respective role
- Act as single focal point
- Study various models



