

REMARKS
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Distinguished Delegates...
Ladies and gentlemen

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarokatuh
Very Good morning,

First of all, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation of Indonesia, allow me to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Singapore for inviting Indonesia delegation to the Fourteenth Meeting of the Cooperation Forum. Let us praise the merciful God that we could gather here today at this important occasion.

Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Co-operative Mechanism has proven itself as a practical and effective framework for international co-operation in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. This Forum serves to promote general dialogue and exchange of views on issues of common interest in the Straits, in order to ensure that the Straits remains safe, open, and environmentally protected.

Since its establishment in 2007, the Co-operative Mechanism have made beneficial impact and significant outcomes for the international maritime community. These achievements underscore the importance that all of us place on working together to enhance safety of navigation and environment protection in the Straits.

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

As we have noted, the development of Maritime Autonomous Surface Vessels (MASS) and shipping decarbonisation have been emerging issues in global maritime sector that we need to focus on. I am confident that our efforts through the Co-operative Mechanism will enable us to further work on and adapt with the existing challenges in order to gain advanced shipping industry.

In this occasion, Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to working with the littoral States, user States and other relevant stakeholders under the Co-operative Mechanism to enhance our common interests and enhance our collaborations. I believe that all issues including the latest in the Straits of mutual concern could be best solved by strengthening our coordination and cooperation not only at this forum but also through the implementation of the initiated projects.

**Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

I would like to thank the IMO, user States and related parties for their contribution to enhancing the safety of navigation and marine environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. I hope that every party involved could further share their expertise and experience through this co-operation framework on the basis of the principle of mutual commitment and collaboration.

Furthermore, I would like to call upon all user States and stakeholders to keep their support towards the Co-operative Mechanism and its various projects constantly. Your concrete support will serve to endorse the bold direction that the littoral States have taken, and reaffirm the need for international co-operation in ensuring navigational safety and environmental protection in the Straits.

Finally, I look forward to the constructive and fruitful discussions with Littoral States, Singapore and Malaysia, and other stakeholders involved throughout this Forum.

May God blessed our efforts.

Thank you.

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