

**THE CO-OPERATIVE MECHANISM BETWEEN THE LITTORAL STATES AND
USER STATES ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**

1. The Jakarta Meeting in 2005 issued a Jakarta Statement which among others agreed that a mechanism be established by the three littoral States to meet on a regular basis with other user States, the shipping industry and others with an interest in the safe navigation through the Straits, to discuss issues relating to the safety, security and environmental protection of the Straits, as well as to facilitate co-operation in keeping the Straits safe and open to navigation, including exploring the possible options for burden sharing.
2. At the Kuala Lumpur in September 2006 the concept of the Co-operative Mechanism on safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore was first introduced by the three littoral States. The follow-up Singapore Meeting in September 2007 further endorsed and agreed that the Co-operative Mechanism should be supported and encouraged.
3. The objective of the Co-operative Mechanism is to provide a framework of cooperation and burden sharing between the littoral States and users of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. The Co-operative Mechanism comprised of three components-
 - .1 Cooperation Forum;
 - .2 Project Coordination Committee; and
 - .3 Aids to Navigation Fund.
4. The full text of the Co-operative Mechanism is presented in Annex 1.

Action requested of the Meeting

5. The Meeting is invited to take note of the information contained in this document particularly on the Rules of Procedure of the Project Coordination Committee.