

ANNEX 3

THE 10TH MEETING OF THE PROJECT COORDINATION COMMITTEE UNDER THE COOPERATIVE MECHANISM ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

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REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE STRAITS PROJECT 10

“STUDY OF BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE (SOMS)”

1. Introduction

1.1. The Technical Working (TWG) on the Straits Project-10 “Study of Blueprint for the Future Development of Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)” was chaired by Mr. Nanditya Darma Wardhana Directorate General of Sea Transportation, Indonesia and attended by representatives from the littoral States (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore), IMO, and Stakeholders. The list of participants is attached at **Appendix 1**.

1.2. The Chairman of the TWG welcomed all participants to the TWG meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

2.1. The TWG agreed and adopted the provisional agenda of the TWG, attached at **Appendix 2**.

3. Presentation on Provisional Findings by Consultant

3.1. The National Consultant appointed by Indonesia presented the update of the works which contains preliminary findings of the study.

3.2. The National Consultant informed the meeting of the stages carried out to implement the Project, consisting of:

- a) Scoping and Baseline, which mainly focused on general comparison between the International Legal Regime of the Straits Used for International Navigation and the domestic regimes of the Littoral States on Safety of Navigation (SoN) and Marine Environment Protection (MEP);

- b) Benchmarking, which looked into best practices of states on SoN and MEP;
- c) Consultation with Littoral States, Academic Experts, Shipping Industry, and other Stakeholders;
- d) Analysis of Data or available information;
- e) Drafting of the Report of the Blueprint study.

3.3. The presentation provided by the National Consultant is attached at **Appendix 3**.

4. Discussion

- 4.1. Malaysia thanked Indonesia for the excellent effort in conducting the preliminary stages of the Blueprint study. Malaysia confirmed the receipt of Questionnaire 2 sent by the National Consultant and requested more time to respond to the list of questions presented in the questionnaire. Despite communicating the willingness to contribute to the survey, Malaysia affirmed their response would be limited based on availability of information.
- 4.2. Singapore thanked Indonesia for the presentation and communicated their preliminary reaction to the presentation and recommendations that had been presented by the National Consultant. Singapore commended the comprehensive scope of research and commitments toward methodological study presented by Indonesia. Similar to Malaysia, Singapore requested time to respond to enable further consultations with the Littoral States. Singapore highlighted that the Cooperative Mechanism was deliberately meant to be flexible and there are benefits to such an approach and the current arrangement.
- 4.3. Malaysia reiterated their position in the Data Gathering Stage with the National Consultant that a thorough assessment shall be made on the coverage of the Blueprint study. Further incoming meetings are suggested to reassess the scope of the Blueprint study, through which suggestions to enhance the current cooperation could be explored.
- 4.4. Indonesia emphasized the need to intensify discussions among the Littoral States and Stakeholders through the establishment of a correspondence group and the commencement of an upcoming intersessional meeting.
- 4.5. The meeting agreed that the outcomes of the TWG are as follows;
 - a) For each Littoral States to nominate a focal point to send and receive correspondences on matters pertaining to Project 10. The focal points are as follows:

1. Indonesia : Mr. Nanditya Wardhana
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 2. Malaysia : Mr. Arumugam Subramaniam
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 3. Singapore : Ms. Catherine Lai
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- b) To encourage the Littoral States and Stakeholders to intensify correspondence in regard to matters or issues that will enable the National Consultant to refine their preliminary findings, as an input to the Final Report on the Blueprint study;
 - c) For each Littoral State to submit their responses to the questionnaire disseminated by the National Consultant;
 - d) For each Littoral State to further assess the options on the possible strategic direction of the Blueprint study;
 - e) For Indonesia to host an intersessional meeting to further discuss the draft Preliminary Findings and to further provide inputs for the Final Report of the National Consultant.
