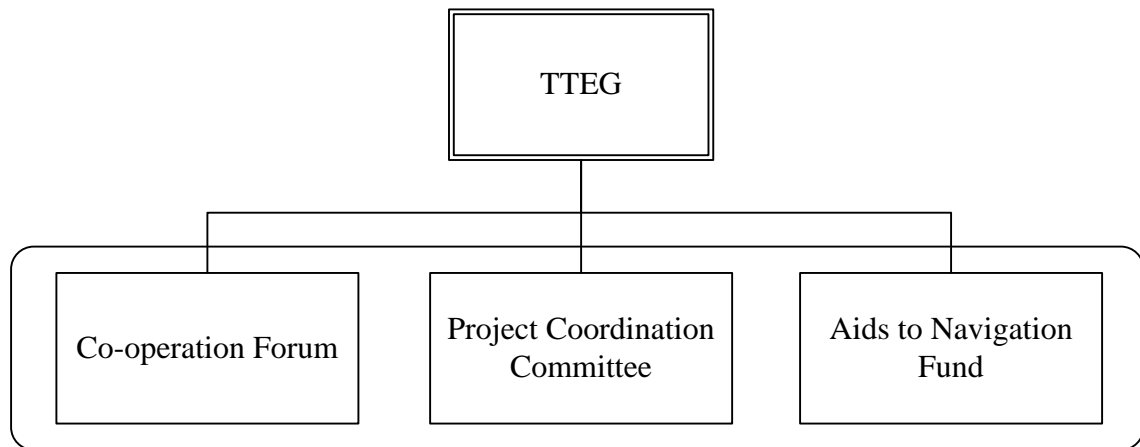
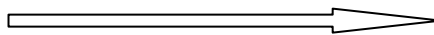


**CO-OPERATIVE MECHANISM
FOR SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION
IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**



Promote dialogue and exchange of views on issues of common interests in the Straits.



Identify and prioritise projects for safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits.



Oversee the co-ordination of implementation of projects.



Receive direct financial contribution from user States and other stakeholders for the provision and maintenance of aids to navigation in the Straits.

CO-OPERATION FORUM

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Article 1 - Purpose

1. The purpose of the Co-operation Forum (Forum) is to provide an avenue for littoral States, user States, users and other stakeholders to discuss and exchange views on issues relating to safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (the Straits).

Article 2 - Scope

1. The Forum shall limit its deliberation on matters relating to the safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits.

Article 3 - Host of Forum and Chairman

1. The Forum will be hosted by the three littoral States on the basis of rotation or, in lieu of this, by a mutually agreed arrangement.
2. The host country will assume the Chair of the Forum and the other two littoral States the joint Vice-Chair.

Article 4 - Secretariat

1. The host country will provide the Secretariat to the Forum.
2. The Secretariat will be responsible to prepare, receive, reproduce, distribute, and issue the documents, records and proceedings of the Forum.

Article 5 - Participants and Quorum

1. Participation in the Forum shall be made up of representatives from the three littoral States, user States, shipping industry and other parties in the Straits.
2. Participation of user States, shipping industry and other parties in the Straits shall be by invitation and on voluntary basis.
3. The quorum of the Forum shall be constituted when representatives of the three littoral States and one User State or interested stakeholder are present.

Article 6 - Presentation

1. Documents for the Forum will be prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Chairman may request the Secretariat or any representatives of the three littoral States to introduce the documents.

3. Participants in the Forum may also make presentation at the Forum upon request or by prior arrangement with the Secretariat.

Article 7 - Addressing the Forum

1. No person may address the Forum without previously obtaining the permission of the Chairman.

Article 8 - Convening of the Forum

1. The Forum may be held in conjunction with Tripartite Technical Experts Group on safety of navigation and environmental protection for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (TTEG) meeting or as may be decided by the TTEG.

Article 9 - Report

1. The outcome of the Forum will be reported to the TTEG for its further consideration and approval, and if necessary the TTEG, through any of the littoral States may communicate it to the IMO for its information and, where possible, for its further appropriate assistance and action.

Article 10 - Miscellaneous Provisions

1. The present Rules of Procedure may be amended through a written submission to the TTEG for consideration and approval. Any approved amendments shall form part of the amended Rules of Procedure.
2. These Rules of Procedure shall be read together as an integral part of the Guiding Principles for Participation, General Terms of Reference and General Rules of Procedure set out in the attached appendix.

APPENDIX

CO-OPERATION FORUM

Guiding Principles for Participation

1. Primary responsibility of the maintenance of navigation safety and environmental protection of the Straits lies with the three littoral States.
2. Recognizes the importance of engaging users of the Straits.
3. Acknowledges the interest of user States and other stakeholders and recognizes the role they could play in respect of the Straits.
4. Participation of user States and other stakeholders shall be by invitation and should be inclusive and voluntary.
5. Any measures undertaken in the Straits should respect the sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction and territorial integrity of the littoral States and be in accordance with international law.
6. Any measures undertaken in the Straits should be consistent with international law and in particular article 43 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in which littoral States and user States co-operate by agreement in respect of the Straits.

General Terms of Reference

1. To provide an avenue for littoral States, user States and other stakeholders to discuss and exchange views on issues relating to safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits.
2. To identify and prioritise specific projects or any appropriate co-operative arrangements among the littoral States, user States and other stakeholders for the maintenance and enhancement of navigational safety and environmental protection in the Straits.
3. To seek and co-ordinate resources required for projects to be undertaken in respect of the Straits.
4. To explore ways to further promote co-operation on the maintenance and enhancement of navigational safety and environmental protection in the Straits.

General Rules of Procedure

1. The Forum will be hosted by the three littoral States on the basis of rotation or, in lieu of this, by a mutually agreed arrangement.
2. The host country shall assume the Chair of the Forum and the other two littoral States the joint Vice-Chair.
3. The participation of stakeholders in the Forum would be voluntary and inclusive where stakeholders with an interest to contribute, in the maintenance of navigation safety and environmental protection in the Straits can participate in sessions of the Forum.

4. The Forum may propose any project or co-operative arrangement to be undertaken between the littoral States and contributing user States and other stakeholders.
5. The outcome of the forum will be reported back to the TTEG for its further consideration and approval, and if necessary the TTEG may communicate it to the International Maritime Organization for its information and, where possible, for its further appropriate assistance and action.
6. The meeting of the Forum may be held in conjunction with the TTEG meeting or as may be decided by the TTEG.
