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Agenda item 12 – Any other business

12.1 Arctic Navigation

12.1-1 PAME Working Group of the Arctic Council

Note by the Secretariat

1. Summary

IALA was invited by the PAME Working Group of the Arctic Council to discuss cooperation in areas of mutual interest, and made a presentation on the work of IALA to the PAME-I-2014 meeting in February 2014. The Secretariat intends to progress this interaction with PAME, with a view to presenting draft policy proposals to Council in 2015.

2. Background

Between 10 and 12 February 2010, representatives of Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russian Federation, USA, and IALA met to discuss marine navigation in the Arctic. The result was a resolution in which the said nations and IALA:

ENVISION that the said nations should, in Arctic waters, take the opportunity to:

- initiate the establishment of a common Arctic ship reporting and data sharing system;
- develop a common approach to marine traffic awareness and monitoring;
- move towards a single, harmonised system of marine aids to navigation;
- anticipate and mitigate risk to maritime traffic and the marine environment;

RECOMMEND that, for Arctic waters, IALA support the said nations in relation to:

- enhancing marine traffic awareness and providing a forum for those establishing ship reporting and data sharing systems;
- the marking of polar routes and development of virtual aids to navigation;
- the application of risk management methodology; and
- the importance of improving hydrographic services in the region.

This resolution was advised by IALA to IMO MSC 87 as paper MSC87/INF.15.

3. Interaction with PAME

IALA was invited by the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment working Group of the Arctic Council (PAME) to participate in its meeting PAME-I-2014 at Girdwood, Alaska, USA, from 11 to 13 February 2014.

The Deputy Secretary-General represented IALA at the meeting and made a presentation on the work of IALA, including polar regions.

The Record of Decisions of that PAME-I-2014 meeting included the following text.

Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (Agenda Item 4)

1) **AMSA I(A) – Linking with International Organizations**

- ✓ *PAME thanks IALA Deputy Secretary General Michael Card for his presentation on IALAs services and products it provides, and its Arctic focused activities and his suggested areas for cooperation between IALA and PAME. PAME invites IALA to submit a paper to PAME II-2014 elaborating upon opportunities for collaboration in areas of common interest.*
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- ✓ *PAME thanks the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission (ARHC) for their letter of 7 February responding to PAME's invitation for information on the currency and accuracy of hydrography and nautical charting in the Arctic. PAME is very interested in further dialogue and cooperation with the ARHC. PAME requests the Secretariat to invite the ARHC to attend PAME II-2014, present a more comprehensive Arctic hydrography and nautical charting status report, and identify opportunities for further collaboration between the ARHC and PAME.*

The PAME meeting included representatives from Canada, Finland, Iceland, Kingdom of Denmark, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and USA, and from Observer Organisations. The list of participants follows.

4. **Next step**

The Secretariat plans to progress the discussion of cooperation with PAME, with a view to proposing draft policy on IALA-PAME cooperation for Council to consider in 2015.

5. **Action**

Council is requested to Note.



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