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To: The Chairman of the SAOs
Cc: PAME National Representatives, Permanent Participants
Subject: PAME Highlights Report to the SAO Meeting 8-9 Nov 2011

Please find attached the PAME 2-page highlights report from the last PAME II-2011 meeting which was held in Reykjavik, Iceland 21-23 September 2011.

As the Chair of PAME I would like to draw particular attention to the AMSA follow-up activities on the urgency to complete the work at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on the Polar Code and PAME's decisions on Passenger Ship Safety, in particular as they relate to the need for the cruise ship industry to augment existing and/or develop new best practices for operations in the Arctic to enhance safety and environmental protection.

SAOs are invited to take a note of this report in general with particular attention noted to the Polar Code and Passenger Ship Safety. Furthermore, SAOs are urged to assist in ensuring that IMO experts continue to be a part of PAME delegations at PAME meetings to ensure synergies with relevant AMSA follow-up activities and work within IMO.

Sincerely,

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