Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic

Operational Guidelines

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Haparanda, Sweden November 14.-15, 2012
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Operational Guidelines - mandate

- EPPR was tasked to develop draft Operational Guidelines in support of the Agreement.
- The TF recommends that a list of elements to be included in the operational guideline be prepared by EPPR with priority given to the development of the following elements before the 2013 Ministerial meeting:
  - Notification – ref. Article 7 and 8
  - Coordination and Cooperation in Response Operations – ref. Article 11
- In the TF meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland in October 2012 EPPR was tasked to prepare the complete Operational guidelines.
EPPR’s work process and goal

- Use best practice from existing agreements
- Harmonized terminology (e.g. ICS vs. European terms)
- Canada lead with contribution from Sweden, US, Russia and Norway
- First draft presented in the TF meeting in October
- Revised work plan and timeline
Revised work plan

Subject

- Definitions
- Updating
- Introduction
- Notification
- Assistance (Requests, Provision, Coord.)
- Command & Control
- Resources (Movement across borders etc)
- Incident Review
- Preparedness (Exercises, training)
- Reimbursement
- High Seas (decision three)
- National Contacts (form)
Timeline

- All of the chapters should be drafted and submitted to Canada within December 1, 2012
- Canada will put all the chapters together to the draft Operational guidelines
- Canada will submit the draft guidelines to the all of the countries within December 15
- Workshop to finalize the Operational guidelines most likely in Ottawa Canada January 8.-10, 2013
- EPPR to finalize the Operational Guidelines within January 31 and submit the final draft to the TF for approval
Thank you for your attention!