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Status on the Arctic Shipping Traffic Data project plan Information for the SAO meeting 4-6 October 2016

PAME II-2016 Records of Decisions on the Arctic Shipping Traffic Data project (ASTD):

PAME thanks the Arctic Shipping Traffic Data (ASTD) Expert Group (EG) for its ground-breaking development of a proposed system which will allow for user friendly maritime traffic analyses of Arctic shipping data. This project includes the following documents prepared by the ASTD EG: the ASTD System Design Document, the Data Sharing Memorandum of Understanding, the Cost Sharing Document, and the End User Licensing Agreement (EULA).

PAME recognizes the value the proposed ASTD system can provide to PAME and other Arctic Council subsidiary bodies, creating an important capability that the Arctic Council currently lacks.

PAME approves the ASTD project Phase II (System Design Document) and authorizes the ASTD-EG to continue its intersessional work to finalize the project and accordingly requests each Arctic State to:

- 1. review and submit comments to the ASTD-EG **by 15 November 2016** on the draft Data-Sharing MOU and the draft Cost Sharing Document (including whether Cost Sharing Option #1 or Cost Sharing Option #2 is preferred) with the aim of approving final versions of these documents at PAME I-2017; and*
- 2. Inform PAME I-2017 whether it will be able to commit its pro rata share of the necessary funds as outlined in the Cost Sharing Document.*

PAME notes that the USA will continue to serve as the overall lead for this project and that the SAOs have invited a briefing on the ASTD project at their October 2016 meeting.