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SAO agenda 3.2.2: Arctic Ship Traffic Data (ASTD) project

Submitted herewithin is the *MOU Among the Arctic States Regarding Arctic Ship Traffic Data Sharing* with reference to the PAME I-2017 Records of Decisions on the Arctic Shipping Traffic Data project (ASTD):

- ✓ *PAME welcomes finalization of the Arctic Shipping Traffic Data (ASTD) project documents and, subject to final national review, approves the:*
 - *MOU Among the Arctic States Regarding Arctic Ship Traffic Data Sharing;*
 - *MOU Attachment 1: Form for a Standard Agreement on Access to and use of ASTD Data; and*
 - *MOU Attachment 2: Sample of a Data Sharing Agreement.*
- ✓ *PAME thanks those Arctic States which have committed to making financial contributions as outlined in MOU Attachment 3 (Network Costs – Estimated Pro Rata Shares) to carry out the ASTD project and invites all other Arctic States to make a similar commitment and to notify the PAME Secretariat as soon as practicable. PAME also welcomes financial contributions from Observers.*
- ✓ *PAME requests each Arctic State to notify the PAME Secretariat as soon as practicable of its ASTD project point of contact for listing in MOU Attachment 4: Designated Contact Persons.*
- ✓ *PAME requests the PAME Chair to forward the ASTD project documents to the SAOs, and invites, subject to final national approval, SAOs to approve and sign the ASTD MOU at the 8-9 March 2017 SAO Meeting.*