



Annotation to Agenda Item 4.6(b) AMSA II(D) Proposed project for the development of a Regional Reception Facilities Plan (RRFP) Based on IMO Guidelines

The development of a RRFP is a proposal that would allow for the environmentally sound management of ship's waste and ensure that ships can comply with MARPOL in the Arctic. The needs of ships operating in the Arctic will be met, without undue delay, and without the disincentives of inadequate reception facility. A RA is very likely the only way to achieve this and to protect the fragile Arctic marine environment, the important marine and landside habitat, and its indigenous peoples.

While the important work of the Polar Code and other bodies continues, this proposal does not attempt to circumvent any other work and is in keeping with established principles and existing IMO/MARPOL guidance. This proposal is meant to compliment any work being undertaken by IMO or other bodies.

Decisions for the attention of the PAME II-2014 Meeting:

Adopt the proposed Project Plan/Timeline. If adopted, the project will start in the beginning of 2015 and it should be finalized by the end of 2016.

PAME should consider continuing the work of the Correspondence Group based on the above and with due consideration of the work of PAME member's own delegations to MEPC and the work of MEPC on development of the Polar Code.