

PAME I-2015 Agenda Item 4.12

Arctic Council Observer State Shipping Expert Contacts

Background

PAME II-2014 adopted a record of decision (ROD) “invit[ing] the Secretariat to reach out to Arctic Council Observer States to request shipping expert contact information.”

There are 12 Arctic Council Observer States:

- Germany
- the Netherlands
- the United Kingdom
- Singapore
- Poland
- Japan
- China
- France
- India
- Italy
- South Korea
- Spain

On 2 October 2014, the Secretariat sent an email to all 12 Arctic Council Observer States inviting them to nominate a shipping expert to take part in PAME’s shipping-related work.

The Secretariat received replies from Singapore, Germany and Japan.

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Refer to Arctic Council's Rules of Procedures, Article #38:

The primary role of Observers is to observe the work of the Arctic Council. Observers contribute through their engagement in the Arctic Council primarily at the level of working groups. In meetings of the Arctic Council's subsidiary bodies to which Observers have been invited to participate, Observers may, at the discretion of the Chair, make statements after Arctic States and Permanent Participants, present written statements, submit relevant documents and provide views on the issues under discussion. Observers may also submit written statements at Ministerial meetings.

Observers may propose projects through an Arctic State or a Permanent Participant but the total financial contributions from all Observers to any given project may not exceed the financing from Arctic States, unless otherwise decided by the SAOs.

Recommendations

The USA recommends that PAME I-2015:

- invite the Secretariat to contact those Observer States that have not yet responded to request shipping expert contact information; and
- decide to explore how PAME could actively engage Observer States on pending and/or future shipping projects consistent with the Arctic Council Rules of Procedure.