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FINAL TASK FORCE MEETING ON RECEPTION FACILITIES AND WORKSHOP/SYMPOSIUM ON MARPOL 73/78



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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Decision CM 10/10 of the Tenth Meeting of ROPME Council (October 1998), the Final Task Force Meeting on Reception Facilities was held in Bahrain on 16 October 1999. The main objective of the Task Force Meeting was to review the Revised Draft Final Report of the Feasibility Study and the Revised Draft Plan of Implementation, and to decide on the approval of these documents for implementation.

The Meeting was attended by Members of the Task Force, including representatives of the GCC Secretariat, GAOCMAO and IMO, MEPC Chairman as well as the IMO and Project Consultants and the professional staff of ROPME.

The Project Consultants, Messrs. Jens Peter Oehlenslaeger and Søren Kræmer presented the Draft Final Report of the Feasibility Study on Reception Facilities and the Draft Plan of Implementation.

The Meeting discussed the concepts, conclusions and recommendations of the Draft Final Report, and the Plan of Implementation in detail, and provided the Consultants with some comments and amendments which were incorporated in the text of the Plan. The Meeting then approved these documents. The following recommendations were also underlined by the Meeting:

- ROPME is to submit the Final Report of the Feasibility Study on Reception Facilities and the Plan of Implementation to IMO Secretariat for confirmation as adequate for meeting the requirements of Annexes I and V of MARPOL 73/78 for declaring the ROPME Sea Area as a "Special Area".



-Various options for fixed service charges per ton including the following are to be further studied for a final decision:

- i) DWT as recommended by the Consultants
- ii) Gross Tonnage for all ships
- iii) Net Tonnage for tankers and Gross Tonnage for other ships.
- iv) A fixed amount for tankers above 150 Gross Tonnage and all ships above 500 gross.



**ROPME/MEMAC/IMO WORKSHOP/ SYMPOSIUM ON REGIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISION OF RECEPTION FACILITIES,
AND FOR ACCESSION, IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
MARPOL 73/78**

The Workshop/Symposium on Regional Arrangements for provision of Reception Facilities, and for Accession, Implementation and Enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 was held in Bahrain from 17 - 19 October 1999. The main objective of the Workshop/Symposium was to agree on a regional workplan for the accession, implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78, including a time-frame for the provision of reception facilities, and for the special area status of Annexes I and V of MARPOL Convention to come into effect.

The Meeting was attended by representatives of Member States, Task Force Members, representatives of the GCC Secretariat, GAOCTMAO, IMO and UNEP, MEPC Chairman and Project Consultants as well as the professional staff of ROPME.

The Workshop was opened by a welcome statement of H.E.Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of ROPME delivered on his behalf by Dr. Hassan Mohammadi. He welcomed the participants and wished them a very pleasant and successful Meeting. He then highlighted the main purpose of the Workshop which was

to agree on a Work Plan for acceding to the MARPOL Convention and implementing the ROPME Feasibility Study on Reception Facilities, thus paving the way for declaring the RSA as a "Special Area".

Dr. Mohammadi explained that the Project has been carried out in two related phases, the first financed by the European Union, and the second by ROPME. The Project had also regained valuable support from Member States, Task Force Members, IMO, UNDP and GAOCMAO Member Companies. He expressed ROPME's appreciation to all the support received from IMO and other donors and contributors which made the Feasibility Study a success.

A short statement was delivered by Mr. Henning Brathaug, Implementation Officer, Marine Environment Division of IMO who congratulated all concerned on the adoption of the Feasibility Study and confirmed full support and co-operation of IMO in the implementation phase.

A statement was also delivered by Mr. Michael Julian, Chairman of the IMO/MEPC. He expressed his appreciation to ROPME for the invitation to attend this Meeting, and the support given by ROPME during recent MEPC session in providing useful briefings on activities in the RSA. He urged ROPME Member States to reinforce these efforts by attending such important sessions. He further wished that ROPME Member States would succeed in the vital implementation phase of the Feasibility Study and provide a submission to MEPC seeking the entry into force of a Special Area status for the RSA, and simultaneously to accede to MARPOL 73/78.

Dr. Hassan Mohammadi, Acting Coordinator of ROPME briefed the participants on the aim and purpose of the Meetings. He elaborated on the ROPME's mandate in coordinating regional efforts towards accession to MARPOL 73/78 and the provision of reception facilities. He also presented a



chronological summary of ROPME activities on the regional approach for the establishment of reception facilities, and the Feasibility Study that has been carried out to this effect. He underscored the importance of regional arrangements on a Work Plan for accession, implementation and enforcement of MARPOL Convention, included a time-frame for provision of reception facilities and for the "Special Area" status of Annexes I and V of MARPOL to come into effect for the RSA.

Mr. Henning Brathaug, presented an overview of MARPOL 73/78. He emphasised the importance of early ratification of the Convention for better safeguarding of the marine environment of the Region.

The ROPME Consultants presented the Feasibility Study on the Regional Requirements for Reception Facilities in two parts. The first part focused on collection of wastes, location of reception facilities, national concept with regional implementation, organization of ship waste handling and financing of the operation. The second part of the presentation addressed the Plan of Implementation for the establishment of Reception Facilities which is anticipated to be completed by June 2002.

The IMO Consultant, Commander Trygve A. Meyer introduced his draft report on "Proposals regarding the Provision of Adequate Reception Facilities in Ports for Reception of Ship Generated Wastes in the ROPME Sea Area". The presentation covered both issues of a Work Plan for Implementation of the Feasibility Study and the Regional Arrangements for Accession, Implementation and Enforcement of MARPOL 73/78.

Two Working Groups were formed to discuss the Feasibility Study and MARPOL 73/78, respectively.

The First Working Group reviewed the reports of both consultants and prepared a Work Plan for Implementation of the Feasibility Study on Reception Facilities.

The Second Working Group prepared a Work Plan for Accession, Implementation and Enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 with the objective of expeditious actions to be taken for "Special Area" status of the RSA to come into effect.

The Second Working Group also prepared the outline of a Declaration on



Protection of the ROPME Sea Area. The Declaration was discussed in detail by the Plenary.

At the closing ceremony, the Chairman expressed appreciation to all participants for their contribution and valuable inputs. He also thanked the Consultants for their efforts in preparing the Feasibility Study and the Report of Implementation of the Study.

Dr. Hassan Mohammadi, on behalf of H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of ROPME extended profound gratitude to the Chairman for his excellent efforts in carrying out the deliberations of the Meetings. He further thanked the Consultants for their works in preparing the Reports of the Study and its Implementation. Special thanks were also extended to participants from Member States, representatives of GCC, UNEP, IMO and GAOCMAO as well as the MEPC Chairman for their effective participation and co-operation which resulted in the success of the Meetings.

Mr. Brathaug thanked ROPME for the excellent co-operation in arranging this important event. He stated that the base is now laid for implementation of the Project which will need good and effective co-operation between ROPME Member States. He offered IMO's continued support to this effect.

On the occasion of Mr. Brathaug's retirement from IMO, Dr. Mohammadi, on behalf of ROPME Secretariat gave special tribute for his long co-operation and valuable support of this vital Project. He wished him every success in all his future endeavours and invited him to be associated with ROPME towards furthering the cause of environmental protection in the Region. Mr. Brathaug was then presented with a memento from ROPME Secretariat as a sign of their appreciation.

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