Proposed Template for Consideration in Establishing Regional Partnerships Towards Common Mission Goals in the Wider Caribbean Region

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**General**

1. Over the past year several organizations (including NAMEPA, WIMA, ASA and others) have expressed in partnering with RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe toward implementing common goals aimed at assisting the Wider Caribbean Region in developing sustainable national and regional capabilities for preventing and responding to oil spills and other threats to the marine environment from ships.

2. In order to help facilitate the process of establishing more robust partnerships throughout the region in a more formalized and standardized manner; and to assist with growing appropriate support for the Center through increased Steering Committee Membership; while still recognizing that each partnership established shall require due consideration and appropriate tailoring of details; the Template Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) contained in Annex A is submitted for consideration by the Committee.

**Action**

3. The Steering Committee is invited to review the template MOU presented in the Annex of for incorporation into the final meeting documents.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTER/REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND TRAINING CENTER FOR THE WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION (RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe)
AND

1. PARTIES
The Parties to this memorandum are RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe and ____________________.

2. PURPOSE
This Memorandum of Understanding identifies responsibilities and anticipated contributions towards common goals in the Wider Caribbean Region. This memorandum does not create a legally binding obligation for any of the Parties. The purpose of the partnership is to define and strengthen a working relationship between RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe and ____________________, as well as provide a framework for working towards mutually agrees upon activities. The common goal is to assist the Wider Caribbean Region in developing sustainable national and regional capabilities for preventing and responding to oil spills and other threats to the marine environment from ships.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. The Parties of this Agreement will confer at least annually to identify relevant activities to undertake in pursuit of the purposes stated in paragraph 2; and to mutually determine how best to perform and measure progress towards implementing each of those activities.

b. RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe will keep ____________________ informed of the schedule of relevant activities conducted throughout the Wider Caribbean Region, and will invite officials from _________________ on a case-by-case basis to attend and participate in relevant activities at their own costs.

c. ____________________ will inform RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe as to the availability of its maritime technical experts, and may make such available, on a cost-free basis, for relevant training, workshops and other capacity building activities held within the Wider Caribbean Region.

d. RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe will include ____________________ in the development of a network of regional experts that will assist in either: delivering activities and training; conducting outreach; sharing best practices; or providing technical assistance to nations and territories of the WCR in pursuit of the purposes stated in Paragraph 2.
e. ____________________ will be invited to partake as a member to
   RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe’s Ordinary Steering Committee Meetings.

f. As necessary, Parties will exchange relevant documents to briefly describe and
   evaluate the partnership’s activities since the last such review.

g. Parties will promote this partnership within their respective organizations and, as
   may seem best, involve their representatives in furthering the common goals.

4. POINTS OF CONTACTS

   a. RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe: RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe (United Nations), Ministry
      of Traffic, Transport and Urban Planning, Seru Mahuma z/n Aviation and
      Meteorology Building, Willemstad, Curacao; Telephone: (00599-9) 8683409 / 8393716; Fax: (00599-9) 8684996

   b. ______________________________

5. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERMINATION, OR MODIFICATION

   This memorandum is effective on the date of the last signature below. The terms of
   this memorandum will remain in effect until terminated or modified. This
   memorandum may be modified by the written agreement of the Parties, or terminated
   by either Party upon written notice to other party.