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**THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE RAC/REMPEITC-CARIBE STEERING COMMITTEE**

Third Regional Task Force Meeting on the Ratification and
Implementation of the IMO Convention on Ballast Water
Management (June 2017 – Ciudad de Panamá)

Purposes

- To review and update the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) with an aim of implementing the SAP.
- Share information with the participants about:
 - the current status of the Convention in the region, and
 - lessons learned from other countries for ratifying and implementing the Convention.



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RTF-WCR member delegates agreed on:

- updates to the SAP,
- rules or procedures for the RTF-WCR
- revised Guidelines for Ballast Water Exchange and Sediment Management in WCR area.
- a framework for developing a Clearinghouse Mechanism;
- election of Colombia as Chair, Jamaica as First Vice-Chair, and Panama as Second Vice-Chair for the RTF-WCR.



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**Action Plan for the implementation of the Regional Strategy on
Ships' Ballast Water Management**

Action 2: Establishing a web-based WCR clearinghouse mechanism

- **Strategic Priority 9:** Implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan:

- **Action 6:** Establish a Ballast Water and Sediments Scientific Committee

- **Action 7:** Establish a Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement system in the WCR system in the WCR



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In order to progress in the execution of the tasks of Action Plan for the WCR, :

- Supported in the Dimar portal and with access from the RAC-REMPEITC Caribe website, as part of the clearinghouse mechanism, establish two portals, for:
 - Ballast Water and Sediments Scientific Committee Portal
 - Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) for SAP Country Official use. (Close-ended Portal).

Without ruling out that independent portals could be offered in the future



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- For the exchange of information among the members (especially the scientific committee):
 - Use of the institutional videoconference service capabilities
 - However, we are working to have an exclusive chat service for the needs of these portals and their members.



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- Tasks to be developed, if this proposal is approved:
 - Work with Trinidad and Tobago, and Jamaica to refine the details of the portals and procedures for accessing these portals.
 - Define the link aspects from the web page of RAC-REMPEITC Caribe (WEB Master)
 - Update the contact points of the members



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**Request to RAC –REMPEITC Caribe Steering Committee
9TH Ordinary Meeting**

- Approval of this proposal is requested.

In this way, it is considered that we can build the communications network as a mechanism for the exchange of information, in accordance with Action 2 of the Action Plan.