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Dear Admiral,

1. Thank you for your letter ref S1/3018 dated 04 Nov 09 and for your kind words. It will be my endeavour to work in close cooperation with you in all matters of IHO and you will continue to have India's participation and support in the mission of IHO.
2. In regards to the 4th draft of S-23 prepared by S-23 working group, our earlier stated stand of maintaining status quo by retaining Malacca Straits with the existing limits of Chapter V (Indian Ocean) remains steadfast. We still would like to once again reiterate that status quo be maintained on this issue. Our earlier letter HJ/CB/171 dated 08 July 2003 continues to be relevant in the issues deliberated there-in and we stand by earlier remarks.
3. I would like to mention here that India is keenly participating in the Cooperative Mechanism on safety of navigation and environmental protection in Malacca and Singapore Straits. We are providing financial and technical support in one of the Projects there-in and in the other Project we are offering the services of our training institute for conducting courses in hydrography without any remuneration for the littoral states flanking these straits.
4. I trust our views on the subject will find favourable response from IHO and those concerned.

with regards,

yours sincerely
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