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Please find attached the presentation by Ms. Kirsten Ullbæk Selvig, Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Norway delivered at the Plenary Session 4 – Protecting the environment and enhancing co-operation, First Preparatory Conference to the 16th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum “Maritime and inland waterways co-operation in the OSCE area: Increasing Security and protecting the environment” held in Helsinki, 10 - 11 September 2007.
Transport Corridors and protection of the Environment

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The importance of transport for market access

• One thing is to own the goods/raw materials, another thing is to maintain control over the transportation and distribution itself.
Transport Corridors – the concept

- Multimodal corridors – involves more than one transport mode and more than one country
- Existing corridors
- New corridors
- An overall plan for transportation
  - Volume
  - Frequency
  - Balance of Cargo
- Predictability
- Cost effectiveness
- Competitiveness
- Safety
- Security
- Environment

Three main elements within maritime transport

- Development of ports as efficient parts of logistics chains
- Safety and Security
- Preparedness against acute pollution
- Monitoring – information and warning systems
Transport Corridors

The Norwegian work method:

Safe and secure transport corridors

- “Maritime safety package”
- Risk analysis
  - preventive measures
  - oil spill preparedness
- The Integrated Management Plan for the Barents Region
Maritime Safety

- Vardø VTS (Vessel Traffic Services) for Northern Norway from 1 January 2007 – 5 VTS in total

- Landbased AIS coverage for the mainland coastline gives the VTS the possibility of monitoring the traffic out to 30 nautical miles off the coast

- Traditional aids to navigation

Ship’s routeing off the coast of Northern Norway – approved by IMO MSC 82 - implemented from 1 July 2007

- 8 mandatory traffic separation schemes connected by 7 recommended routes (Total length: ca. 560 nautical miles)

- Ca. 30 nautical miles off the coast

- Tankers of all sizes and all other cargo ships of 5000 gross tonnage and upwards, in transit or on international voyages to or from ports in Norway
Preventive measures and oil spill preparedness

- Tugboat preparedness
- Traditional aids to navigation (e.g. lighthouses, buoys)
- Ports of refuge
- Depots with oil spill preparedness equipment
- International cooperation on oil spill preparedness (e.g. the Bonn Agreement)
- Cooperation between Norway and Russia in the northern regions

The Radionavigation Policy
- monitoring – positioning – timing

- Revision of the Norwegian Radionavigation Plan from 2003 – including E-navigation
- GNSS and LORAN
- A European Radionavigation Plan

NAVAREAS
- Norway has accepted the responsibility as a NAVAREA coordinator for a new NAVAREA XIX in the Arctic
- The boundaries are agreed upon, but a formal decision is expected in IMO MSC in October 2007
International cooperation

- Inter-governmental cooperation
  - International
  - Bilateral
- The High North
- Relevant private partners

Regional cooperation

- Cooperation between Norway and Russia in the northern region/Barents Sea

Norwegian – Russian Cooperation on maritime safety and oil spill preparedness
- Based on a MoU from 2006

Steering Committee

- Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs
- Russian Ministry of Transport

Working Group 1
Maritime Safety

Working Group 2
Oil Spill Preparedness
Conclusions

- **Mapping**
  - Existing corridors
  - New corridors
  - Identifying gaps in development of corridors

- **Regional cooperation**
  - Initiatives
  - Dialogue
  - Information sharing
  - Planning
  - Take action