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25 When finalizing the RRFP, the Parties proposing the RRFP should take the MEPC comments into account to enhance the ability of the RA to meet the needs of shipping. In addressing the comments, the Parties proposing the RRFP may consider actions including, but not limited to, providing additional details in the RRFP, coordinating further with stakeholders, reconfiguring RSWRCs and/or administrative arrangements, and identifying future upgrades to existing facilities. The final RRFP should describe how the MEPC comments have been taken into account.

### **Part 3 – Communication of information**

26 Article 11(1)(d) of MARPOL requires Parties to communicate to the Organization a list of port reception facilities including their location, capacity and available waste management services and other characteristics. In addition, there are requirements to notify the Organization how a RRFP takes into account these Guidelines and the particulars of the RSWRCs. Accordingly, a copy of the finalized RRFP should be forwarded to the Organization so that the Organization can notify Parties of the receipt of such information and circulate it to all Parties as required by Article 11(2).

27 In addition, all port reception facility contact details for each port should be kept up to date in GISIS, and a link to a website where the RRFP may be accessed should be provided in GISIS. Contact details for the central point of contact for the RRFP should be included. The primary responsibility for updating port reception facility details in GISIS remains with the port State, however, it may be prudent to assign a role to the central point of contact to monitor currency and encourage regular updates.

### **Part 4 – Alleged inadequate port reception facilities and regional arrangements**

28 A regional system based on MEPC/Circ.470 "Waste reception facility reporting requirements" should be established among port States within a region for handling formal reports of alleged inadequate port reception facilities received in the format set out in MEPC/Circ.469/Rev.1 – "Revised consolidated format for reporting alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities". The primary responsibility for responding to formal reports of alleged inadequate port reception facilities remains with the port State, however, a regional system may include providing a copy of all relevant correspondence to the RRFP central point of contact, or may include more proactive involvement of the RRFP central point of contact in monitoring the progress of any reports to ensure that reports of inadequacy are addressed by both the port State and the flag State where notifications and responses are required.

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