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LIAISON NOTE

Proposal on Auto Releasing Wreck Marking Buoy

# Introduction

At ENG10, an input paper was received ARM10-3.17.1 (annex 1) describing an auto releasing new danger marking buoy. This was presented to ENG10 at plenary and was well received as a new initiative with potential benefits.

The ENG Committee requested that ARM review document ARM10-3.17.1 and consider if it is regarded as a proposal with potential to be supported by IALA for potential carriage on board vessels.

# ARM comments

The proposed system could provide immediate marking of a new wreck where regular deployment of an Emergency Wreck Marking Buoy (EMWB) may take time. The actual buoy released by the system would need to comply with the IALA MBS standards for EMWB. However, with respect to the proposed system itself, IALA may not be in a position to provide guidance, since it is not within the domain of IALA to propose carriage requirements for vessels.

Additionally, since an EMWB is normally authorised by a Competent Authority as part of their measures to deal with a new hazard, care would need to be taken so that any automatically launched EMWB is promptly known to the Competent Authority, so its presence can be promulgated as appropriate.

# Action requested

The ENG committee is requested to:

1. Give further consideration to the system and its potential applications
2. Consider whether to advise the proponent to submit a proposal to the IMO.