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Liaison Note

Regarding: Liaison to ITU-R WP5B on a Working Document toward a Preliminary Draft New Recommendation on the VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) and reformatting of the IALA Maritime Radiocommunications Plan (MRCP)

# Introduction

The e-Navigation Committee developed a Preliminary Draft New Recommendation on the VHF Data Exchange System (VDES). Additionally, the information contained in the IALA Maritime Radiocommunications Plan (MRCP) was reformatted into an ITU-R WP5B Working Document toward a Preliminary Draft New Report “Maritime Radiocommunications Systems and Requirements”.

# Discussion

At its 14th session, the IALA e-Navigation Committee developed a Preliminary Draft New Recommendation on the VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) to contribute to studies and the work of WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.16. Also, to facilitate the inclusion of the IALA Maritime Radiocommunications Plan (MRCP) into an ITU-R WP5B Working Document toward a Preliminary Draft New Report “Maritime Radiocommunications Systems and Requirements”, ITU-R WP5B informally requested IALA provide the MRCP in ITU’s working document format to also support studies for WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.16. IALA previously submitted the MRCP to the ITU-R WP5B, however the MRCP doesn’t include current VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) information, which is essential for the work of WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.6.

**3 Nature of changes to the MRCP**

## 3.1 Information on WRC-12 and internal IALA information was removed.

3.2 VDES information was added to support additional channels at WRC-15 and the development of a new ITU-R Recommendation on VDES.

**4 References**

1. IALA MRCP Edition 2 of Oct 2012 (updated at eNav12/Output15)

# Action requested of the Committee

Council is requested to approve the documents for liaison to ITU-R WP5B.