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| To: DTEC committee |  |
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LIAISON NOTE

Answer on proposal for IALA to establish operational MCP

# introduction

On the request of DTEC committee to discuss the establishment of a IALA MCP (Maritime Connectivity Platform) instance. The ENG committee has discussed the proposal of IALA establishing an operational MCP instance, and agrees with the vision that such an instance initially would comprise of the MIR (Maritime Identity Registry) and MSR (Maritime Service Registry) - with the possibility to include the MMS (Maritime Messaging Service) at a later stage.

# Discussions

The ENG committee agrees that a IALA MCP instance would support the operation of technical services operated by IALA members.

The ENG committee agrees that the next step, as proposed by the DTEC committee, should be carried out by IALA carries out a feasibility study - that would investigate various aspects of the proposal, including

* Liability of IALA
* Operational Model
* Financial implications / business model

Next to this ENG committee would like to include to investigate the possibility and impact if members wants to host their own MCP instance in the future and their part of the MIR, MSR and MMS is transferred to their own MCP instance or want to migrate their MCP with the IALA MCP instance with special attention to the Root CA and intermediate CA?

The reasoning behind this is because of financial status of members and continuance of the MCP service.

# ACTION REQUESTED

The note the opinion of the ENG committee and include, if appropriate, the extra question in relation to transferring part of the MCP.