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THe use of the Automatic identification system(AIS) in marine aids to navigation services

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THE COUNCIL

**RECALLING**:

1. The function of IALA with respect to Safety of Navigation, the efficiency of maritime transport and the protection of the environment.
2. Article 8 of the IALA Convention regarding the authority, duties and functions of the Council.

**RECOGNIZING**:

1. The need to develop comprehensive guidance on the use of the Automatic Identification System (AIS) within IALA’s remit.

2 AIS has been fitted to many vessels to provide information, including vessel identity, position and other safety-related information.

**CONSIDERING:**

1 The various applications of AIS that have been identified within IMO, ITU, IEC and IALA.

**NOTING:**

1 The appropriate use of AIS is crucial for the safety of navigation in assisting the efficient navigation of ships, protection of the environment and operation of Vessel Traffic Services(VTS).

2 Regulation V/19.2.4 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended, on the carriage of AIS equipment on board ships;

3 The work carried out by IALA on shipborne AIS has facilitated the development and adoption of a suite of technical and operational publications by other bodies such as IMO, ITU, IHO and IEC.

**RECOMMENDS:**

1 That Member States, and other appropriate authorities providing Marine Aids to Navigation services, deploy AIS AtoN as appropriate, in accordance with IALA Guideline Gxxxx.

**INVITES** Member States and Marine Aids to Navigation authorities worldwide to implement the provisions of the Recommendation.

**REQUESTS** the ARM Committee keeps the Recommendation under review and to propose amendments, as necessary.