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Development of the IALA MarCom Manual

# Summary

## Purpose of the document

To brief the participants of DTEC03 on the outcomes of the intersessional activity to update the IALA MRCP to the IALA MarCom Manual.

## Related documents

DTEC03-##.#.# Draft IALA MarCom Manual

# Background

During the IALA work program ending in 2023, work had commenced on the update of the MRCP. At this time, it was identified that the initial purpose of the MRCP, which was to provide input to ITU to justify spectrum allocation for maritime use, has been addressed. The content of the existing MRCP was noted as being valuable, and it was decided to amend the MRCP to an IALA Manual format, to be called the IALA Maritime Communications Manual (MarCom Manual).

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# Discussion

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A detailed review was carried out by China MSA, with updated content identified in track changes in the attached draft document.

It is expected that a final review at DTEC03 will be carried out to address the changes and comments, leading to finalisation of the first edition of the IALA MarCom Manual at this session, for consideration of IALA Council in December 2024.

The review referred to updated activity at ITU and IMO, with a detailed list of references provided as an annex to this input paper.

It is noted that there would be a need to review and update the MarCom Manual on a regular basis, as technology continues to develop.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the results of the intersessional activity to progress development of the IALA MarCom Manual
2. Provide input / comments on the draft MarCom Manual to DTEC03, WG2
3. Note the proposal to complete this work during DTEC03
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