

**TRANSITION COUNCIL**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> session**



**10-13 December 2024**  
**Headquarters, France**

**10 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES**

***10.5 – VTS***

**10.5.1 – VTS 56 summary report**

Note by the Secretariat

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The 56th session of the VTS Committee was held from 20 September – 3 October 2024, including the physical week at IALA HQ between 23 - 27 September, with Monica Sundklev as Chair and Dirk Eckhoff as Vice-chair. The Secretary for the meeting was Thomas Southall.

131 participants from 36 countries, one Sister organisation and three observer participated in VTS56. 20 participants attended for the first time.

The VTS Committee considered 57 input papers and produced 36 output papers, including working papers, from three Working Groups.

**2. SUMMARY OF THE WORK ITEMS**

During this session, the Committee reviewed and updated the work programme, adjusting several tasks based on the Committee's capacity. The discussions in the Working Groups covered the following topics:

Working Group 1:

- Develop guidance on the implications of MASS from a VTS perspective
- Develop guidance to assist competent authorities for VTS establish an appropriate policy and regulatory framework to meet their obligations
- Develop guidance on VTS digital communications (operational aspects)
- Revision of IMO Resolution A.918(22) IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases
- Develop a guideline on quality management system for VTS
- Conduct of the Global VTS Questionnaire

Working Group 2:

- updating G1111-1 to include guidance on VTS Management Information Systems.
- Review and update Recommendation R0145 (V-145) on the Inter-VTS Exchange Format (IVEF) Service.

Working Group 3:

- Develop guidance for dealing with stress or trauma in VTS operations
- Develop guidance on aptitudes required by VTS Operators

- Develop guidance on remote training in VTS
- Revision of G1027 on Simulation in VTS training
- Revision of IALA VTS Model Courses
- English Language Competency Requirements in VTS Operations

### **3. OUTCOMES OF THE COMMITTEE**

The following draft documents have been prepared for Council approval:

- TC03-10.5.2 (VTS56-12.2.2) New draft Guideline on New draft Guideline on quality management practices for VTS providers
- TC03-10.5.3 (VTS56-12.2.3) New draft Guideline on VTS Interaction with a mix of conventional, automated and autonomous ships

The following draft liaison note has been prepared for Council approval:

- TC03-12.1.1 (VTS56- 12.3.4 )Liaison Note to IHO on challenges regarding the development of S-200 product specifications for the VTS domain
- TC03-12.2.1 (VTS56- 12.3.5) Liaison note to IEC on Revision of the Route Plan S-421 (IEC 63173-1) and its usage in VTS

### **4. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO**

**NOTE** the information provided in this document.