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IALA VTS Questionnaire

1 SUMMARY

1.1 Purpose of the document

The purpose of this paper is to inform members about the IALA VTS Questionnaire.

- A brief presentation on the questionnaire and the results as presented at VTS2016 will be made at the meeting.
- A copy of the report is currently available from the IALA website at:
<http://www.iala-aism.org/about/news/463207221/iala-vts-questionnaire-results>

2 BACKGROUND

The preliminary report on the outcomes from the IALA VTS Questionnaire was reviewed by the Committee and approved for release at the VTS Symposium 2016 in Malaysia 8-12 August.

The Questionnaire was initiated by the VTS Committee as part of its 2014-18 Work Programme. It is a web-based Questionnaire and was released in April 2016.

The purpose of the Questionnaire is to gather information on VTS from Competent Authorities and VTS Authorities to:

- Gain a common understanding of the delivery of VTS worldwide
- Harmonise service quality, training and operating procedures worldwide
- Contribute to the improvement of VTS related IALA documentation

By the beginning of the VTS Symposium responses had been received from:

- 155 individual VTSS
- 113 Vessel Traffic Authorities, and
- 31 Competent Authorities from 31 countries, including:

Argentina	Australia	Azerbaijan	Belgium	Belize	Brazil	Bulgaria
Canada	Chile	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Gibraltar
Hong Kong	Indonesia	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Malaysia
Netherlands	Norway	Portugal	Romania	Singapore	South Africa	Sweden
Turkey	Ukraine	United Kingdom				

3 DISCUSSION

To enable the analyses of the responses and preparation of the report for presentation at the VTS Symposium 2016 the web-based application was closed prior to VTS42.

Several authorities subsequently requested to complete the questionnaire and it was agreed during VTS42 that the Questionnaire should be re-opened to enable:

- Authorities who had not completed the questionnaire to do so, and
- Existing respondents edit/update their responses as necessary (e.g. a new VTS authority had been implemented by a particular country).

Since the Questionnaire was re-opened in August another three countries representing over forty further VTSs have registered and commenced completing the Questionnaire.

The Questionnaire is providing a valuable tool to gain a common understanding of the delivery of VTS worldwide and contribute to the improvement of VTS related IALA documentation.

The VTS Committee proposes to keep the Questionnaire open to enable further countries to participate and provide a possible means to monitor changes and how service quality, training and operating procedures worldwide are being harmonised.

An updated report will be prepared for consideration at VTS43 in March 2017.

4 ACTION REQUESTED

The PAP is requested to note information provided.