Proposal Form for a Committee work item

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| **The VTS Committee requests that the following item be included in its work programme** | |
| Title of the task | **Develop a “Strategy Paper” addressing the delivery of VTS in a rapidly changing world.** |
| Objectives of the task and expected output | Develop a “Concept Paper” with regards to the delivery of VTS in a rapidly changing world and the possible implications for IMO Resolution A.857 (20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services.   * Identify and document:   + the strengths and weaknesses of the existing IMO Resolution A.857 (20) in setting the framework for the delivery of VTS;   + developments in VTS since the existing IMO Resolution A.857(20) was agreed and emerging trends that may be anticipated over the next 10-20 years, focusing on forward looking projects;   + possible limitations to addressing the emerging needs and developments for VTS within the existing provisions of IMO Resolution A.857 (20). and * Provide a framework and requisite policy objectives for the development of VTS to meet the emerging needs and developments over the next 10-20 years, for consideration by the IALA Council. |
| Priority of task1 | High Medium Low  Y |
|  | Reasons for the indicated level of priority.  Progression of Task 10 (Produce Guidelines on the provision of VTS Types of Service) and Task 3 (Review/update/provide input to IMO on Resolution A.857 (20) - Guidelines For Vessel Traffic Services) highlighted possible shortcomings and differing interpretations in the delivery of VTS. A “concept paper” is important to identify the issues and to take a forward-looking view on the delivery of VTS in a rapidly changing world. |
| Expected Sessions for Completion | Session number:  VTS35 VTS36 VTS37 VTS38 VTS39 VTS40  Y |
| Brief and concise description of the work to be undertaken and programme milestones where appropriate. | Preparation of a high-level policy document describing the objectives for VTS to meet the current, emerging and expected needs and developments of the maritime community and the adequacy of the existing international framework for VTS to achieve these. Key milestones include:   * Endorsement of work item application by Council (Jun 2012) * Skeleton of the ‘Strategy Paper’ (Sep 2012) * Draft ‘Strategy Paper’ by VTS Committee (Mar 2013) * Review of draft ‘Strategy Paper’ by VTS Committee (Sep 2013) * Consideration of the draft ‘Strategy Paper’ by Council (Dec 2014) * Possible identification for a further review of A.857(20) (Sep 2015) |
| Date | Signature [signed by Chairman of the requesting IALA Committee] |
| Comments by the Secretary General |  |
| This proposal is: | Supported Lower level of need Not supported |
| Comments, including any changes to the task description and level of need |  |
| Decision of the Council |  |
| The proposal is:  Date: | Approved Approved as amended Not Approved |