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## Note to the report on 14<sup>th</sup> Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Communications Matters

### 1. BACKGROUND

IALA was represented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Communications Matters by Stefan Bober of the Federal Waterways and Shipping Administration of Germany.

His report is at input paper PAP36-9.3.1.3.

### 2. COMMENTS BY THE IALA REPRESENTATIVE

Two items should be highlighted:

#### 4.2.2. Autonomous Maritime Radio Device; WRC 19 agenda item 1.9.1

The Group noted the information provided by IALA on Recommendation R1016 on Mobile Marine Aids to Navigation (MAToN). The Group noted, in particular, an overlap of the definitions contained in IALA R1016 with the ongoing work at ITU and IMO on AMRD and was of the view that the development of contradicting or diverging regulatory measures should to be avoided.

The definition of MAToN, their use and their relation to AMRD seems not yet to be fully understood by the group. Questions were asked how and what distinguish the use of MAToN from other occurrences/events to be marked with AMRD Group A (safety related). IALA may consider providing further information regarding the use of MAToN to IMO and ITU.

Note:

ITU WP 5B sent the same liaison statement on AMRD also to IALA. An answer is expected for the ITU WP 5B meeting in November 2018.

#### 4.2.4. WRC-19 agenda item 10: Proposal for agenda items for WRC-23

During the discussion two possible future items from the IALA ENAV WG3 intersessional meeting in July were raised:

a) Digital communication systems: Provide a means to accommodate digital systems in the VHF maritime mobile band.

Transition from analog to digital voice communication system in the VHF maritime mobile band, based on existing standards, to enhance the efficient use of radio spectrum.

b) Radionavigation service: Provide a radionavigation allocation for VDES R-Mode R-Mode via VDES is being considered at IALA ENAV and ING Committees. VDES is now only allowed to be used in maritime mobile service, not in radionavigation service.



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The chair of IMO/ITU EG responded that ITU will welcome an input from IALA on this matter; he recommended bringing the proposals to the attention of IMO NCSR 6 also.

**IALA is requested to send their proposal for possible new agenda items for WRC-23 to both ITU WP 5B and IMO NCSR 6.**

### **3. PAP IS REQUESTED TO**

- Note the report
- Note the request to IALA to send a proposal for possible new agenda items for WRC-23 to both ITU WP 5B and IMO NCSR 6.