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VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD

# Summary

This note refers to input document C61-……….., “Vessel Traffic Services in a rapidly changing World”.

With reference to Council’s approval at its 60th session of the IALA Strategy Paper on the Future Delivery of VTS (doc. C60-9.4.4.2), the VTS Committee drafted as a first step in the approved process (Annex C) an INF-document to IMO/NCSR3 to inform the IMO on IALA activities on the relevant VTS developments.

The INF-paper has been drafted in accordance with the appropriate IMO template for input documents.

The second important step in the process, requesting the IMO Maritime Safety Committee to approve unplanned output in the IMO High Level Action Plan for the biennium 2018-2019 (review of the IMO Resolution A.857(20)), was also started during VTS40 by drafting the skeleton of a submission to MSC96. This submission will have to be sent to the IMO by one or more member states. It is likely that IALA may co-sponsor the submission (with Council’s approval) and consider the possibility of inviting sister organisations to similarly co-sponsor. The eventual approval process may be intersessionally by correspondence.

The work on the submission will be conducted intersessionally in the period October 2015 until the end of January 2016. This work will be coordinated by Neil Trainor ([neil.trainor@amsa.gov.au](mailto:neil.trainor@amsa.gov.au)) and Pieter Paap ([pieter.paap@rws.nl](mailto:pieter.paap@rws.nl)).

## Related documents

* Doc. C60-9.4.4.2 - Strategy Paper on the Future Delivery of VTS, specifically Annex C
* Doc. C60-……… - Report of 60th session of the IALA Council, agenda item 9.4.4.

# Action requested of the Council

The Council is requested to

* approve the INF document to IMO/NCSR3 (C61-……….
* request the IALA Secretariat to send the document to the IMO Secretariat

In addition Council members are encouraged to inform their national administration about the intended submission, advise of the invitation to join the intersessional drafting group and consider co-sponsorship.