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Cross-Committee work on ITU matters

# Background

The ITU-R WP5B at its November 2021 meeting, issued a liaison statement to IALA, IMO and CIRM regarding the revision of ITU-R M.1371-5 “Technical characteristics for an automatic identification system using time division multiple access in the VHF maritime mobile frequency band”, as attached.

# discussion

Most of the proposed revision items such as navigational status, autonomous maritime radio devices, ship type are considered as mainly operational issues remitted to ARM and VTS Committee, though some items are considered as technical issues remitted to ENAV. It requires a cross-Committee work in order to liaise back to ITU-R WP 5B.

The spring session of Committees are scheduled for ENAV27, 1-36 March, VTS50, 10-31 March and ARM13, 13-28 April, and the deadline of the liaison is 26 April. Therefore, the proposed working arrangement on this matter is as follows;

1. ENAV27 and VTS50 consider the matter parallelly by the inter-Committee meeting if necessary and liaise their viewpoints to ARM13;
2. ARM13 finalises the liaison to ITU by the inter-Committee meeting of ARM, ENAV and VTS and send the liaison to the Secretariat as an output from ARM by the date that allows the Council for approval by correspondence; and
3. The Secretariat circulates the output to the Council for the approval and send the liaison to ITU by 26 April.

The IMO NCSR8 that will consider the same liaison statement from ITU, is also held from 19 to 23 April with an intersessional meeting of the Communication Working Group of NCSR that is responsible for ITU matters, from 7 to 13 April. It therefore is difficult to inform the NCSR8 of the IALA’s viewpoint. When asked by NCSR8 on this matter, the Secretariat is expected to verbally answer the situation as appropriate.

# Action requested of the PAP

The PAP is invited to consider the proposed working arrangement and take action as appropriate.