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Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel

Edition 2.2

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THE IALA COUNCIL

**RECALLING** Article 8 of the IALA Constitution regarding the authority, duties and functions of the Council,

**NOTING** that the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995 (STCW Convention) contain regulations concerning training of ships’ personnel and the Seafarer’s Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code (STCW Code) contains specifications of minimum standard of competence for ships’ personnel,

**NOTING ALSO** that STCW 95 adopted Resolution 10 concerning Training of maritime pilots, vessel traffic personnel and maritime personnel employed on mobile offshore unit,

**NOTING FURTHER** that the International Maritime Organisation in Assembly Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services:

* recommend that VTS Authorities be provided with sufficient staff, appropriately qualified, suitably trained and capable of performing the tasks required, taking into consideration the type and level of services to be provided;
* describe the skill and knowledge qualifications required by VTS Operators to provide vessel traffic services.

**RECOGNISING** that the 8th International Symposium on VTS (Rotterdam 1996) concluded that VTS Authorities should set standards for VTS Operators, in accordance with international guidelines and other relevant material,

**RECOGNISING ALSO** that VTS Authorities should provide facilities for training to those standards and institute measures to maintain those standards,

**RECOGNISING FURTHER** that following a request from the 8th International Symposium on VTS, IALA undertook to develop suitable training and certification standards for VTS Personnel,

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the advice of the Vessel Traffic Services Committee provided to Council at its 64th Session,

**ADOPTS** Recommendation V-103 Revision 2.2 on Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel, as set out in the IALA Guideline 1xxx on Standards for Training and Certification of VTS Personnel,

**INVITES** Members and marine aids to navigation authorities worldwide to implement the provisions of the Recommendation,

**REQUESTS** the Vessel Traffic Services Committee to keep the Recommendation under review and to propose amendments as necessary.