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**Progress of the review of resolution A.857(20) on**

***Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services***

**Submitted by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)**

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| **SUMMARY** | |
| *Executive summary:* | This document provides an update on the activities undertaken by the IALA with respect to the revision of the *Guidelines for vessel traffic services* (resolution A.857(20)) |
| *Strategic direction, if applicable:* | 6 |
| *Output:* | [awaiting allocation] |
| *Action to be taken:* | Paragraph 7 |
| *Related documents:* | Resolution A.857(20), MSC 99/20/3, MSC 99/22, NCSR 6/INF.9 |

**Background**

1 MSC 99 considered document MSC99/20/3 (Australia et al.) and agreed to include in its post-biennial agenda an output on *Revision of the Guidelines for vessel traffic services (resolution A.857(20))*, assigning the task to the NCSR Sub-Committee as the associated organ.

2 The proposal for the new output identified eight key areas of the existing resolution that require clarification or update, these included:

.1 the role of the competent authority and the vessel traffic service (VTS) authority;

.2 changing traditional boundaries;

.3 VTS and future developments;

.4 the types of service (information service, traffic organization service and navigational assistance service);

.5 the use of result-oriented instructions;

.6 VTS qualifications, training and certification;

.7 the recognition of IALA standards relating to VTS; and

.8 various administrative amendments.

3 Completion of the output will ensure that the resolution and its associated guidelines are modernized/updated and continue to serve as an effective instrument, providing a clear framework to implement vessel traffic services globally in a harmonized manner.

4 The NCSR Sub-Committee, in its 6th session (16 to 25 January 2019), agreed to include a new agenda item *Revision of the Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services (resolution A.857(20))* in its proposed provisional agenda for NCSR 7, for consideration by MSC 101.

**Discussion**

5 It has been anticipated that the NCSR Sub-Committee, in its role as the associated organ, may welcome the assistance of IALA in coordinating some of the work associated with the revision of the resolution.

6 In support of this, the IALA has undertaken the following tasks:

.1 tasked the VTS Committee to commence consideration, among IALA members, of the revision of the Guidelines;

.2 providing an update to NCSR 6 of the progress that the IALA VTS Committee has made with respect to the review of the resolution (NCSR 6/INF.9);

.3 organizing an IALA Seminar on the revision of *Guidelines for vessel traffic services* (resolution A.857(20)) to be held from 24 to 28 June 2019 at the IALA Headquarters to:

.1 facilitate discussion and active engagement amongst stakeholders in preparing a draft revision of the Guidelines for submission to the NCSR Sub-Committee;

.2 provide the opportunity to broaden participation and engagement in the preparation of a draft revision, particularly with IMO Member States and international organizations who may not have been involved in the preparation of the submission of a new output proposal; and

.3 assist IALA in finalizing a document to be submitted to NCSR 7 containing the text of the proposed draft revision.

7 A copy of the invitation to the seminar is set out in the annex.

**Action requested of the Committee**

8 The Committee is invited to:

.1 note the tasks being undertaken by IALA and the progress made with the revision of the Guidelines for VTS; and

.2 invite interested Member States and international organizations to participate in the “IALA Seminar on the revision of Guidelines for vessel traffic services (resolution A.857(20))” to be held in June 2019.

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