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Develop a Guideline on VTS Voice Communications, Phrases / Phraseology

# Summary

This document introduces two input papers for the Committees consideration in progressing the development of a Guideline on VTS Voice Communications, Phrases / Phraseology (Task 1.3.1).

## Purpose of the document

The purpose of this paper is to provide input for the consideration of the VTS Committee in:

* Completing the Task register for Task 1.3.1 - Development of a Guideline on VTS Voice Communications, Phrases / Phraseology, and
* Developing the Guideline on VTS Voice Communication Phrases / Phraseology.

## Related documents

Related documents include:

* *VTS46-8.2.5 WP WG1 Draft Guideline on VTS Voice Communication phraseology task 1.3.1 (VTS45-12.2.3*)
* *VTS46-7.2 VTS Task Register 2018-2022 20181004*

# Background

The development of guidance for VTS Communications commenced as part of the Committee’s 2014-2018 Work Programme, including:

* Task 1.3.1 - Produce a Recommendation / Guideline on VTS Communications.
* A Workshop on Common Phraseology and Procedures for VTS Communications in February 2017 to:
  + Facilitate the exchange of best practices, ideas and knowledge amongst a wide range of VTS professionals and those from other sectors.
  + Provide the VTS Committee with proposals, concepts and examples of best practice to assist in the development of IALA documentation and associated material addressing the delivery of VTS communications with a view to improving its effectiveness in both routine communications and in developing situations.

In December 2017 IALA released:

* Recommendation R1012 ‐ VTS Communications - Inviting Members and Competent Authorities for Vessel Traffic Services to implement the provisions of the Recommendation and its associated guidelines on VTS communications to contribute to precise and unambiguous communications with the traffic by implementing harmonized and standardized procedures and technology.
* Guideline G1132 – VTS VHF Voice Communication - to ensure consistency amongst VTSOs when communicating on the VHF.

As part of the Committee’s 2018-2022 Work programme the development of a Guideline on VTS Communication Phrases / Phraseology (Task 3.3.1) commenced In October 2018 (see *VTS46-8.2.5 WP WG1 Draft Guideline on VTS Voice Communication phraseology task 1.3.1 (VTS45-12.2.3)*.

The 2018-2022 Work programme also includes a workshop on Harmonising VTS Voice Communication in February 2019. A key aspect of the workshop includes:

*“Develop principles for VTS message construction and the development of common phraseology for clear and unambiguous communication.”*

The outcomes from the 2017 and 2019 workshops are expected to provide valuable input to the development of this Guideline.

# Discussion

In reviewing the working document prepared at VTS45 *(VTS46-8.2.5 WP WG1 Draft Guideline on VTS Voice Communication phraseology task 1.3.1 (VTS45-12.2.3*) the authors prepared a revised version for the Committees consideration.

Please note – many of the examples used throughout the draft document have been compiled from material made available from Korea, Japan, the United Kingdom and Australia at the Workshop on Common Phraseology and Procedures for VTS Communications in February 2017, and other sources. It is suggested that examples provided in the document should be ‘standard’ phrases and not exhaustive, but merely representative of phraseology in common use.

Further, noting that the Task had not been scoped for the Task Register at VTS45 the authors prepared a draft for the Committees consideration.

# Action requested of the Committee

That the Committee consider the following input documents in progressing Task 1.3.1 - Develop a Guideline on VTS Communication Phrases / Phraseology:

* The revised draft Guideline on VTS Voice Communications, Phrases/Phraseology (*VTS46-8.3.3 Input Paper - Draft Guideline on VTS Phraseology*)
* The draft scoping document for this task in the Task Register (*VTS46-8.3.4 Input Paper - Draft Guideline on VTS Phraseology -Task Register).*

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