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Task 1.9.3 Review of the VTS Questionnaire

# Background

At VTS54 the Secretariat invited the VTS Committee to revise the VTS Questionnaire with the aim to conduct a digital global survey. The last global survey was conducted in 2016, when the now revoked IMO Resolution A.857(20) was in force. The questionnaire thus needed an update to be in alignment with the current IMO Resolution A.1158(32).

A web solution for the management of a digital global survey is under development in collaboration with the Korea Research Institute of Ships & Ocean Engineering (KRISO). During VTS56 this work was progressed and the Committee decided to conduct intersessional work to ensure a revised questionnaire by VTS57. Committee participants were thus invited to join intersessional virtual meetings to further develop the questionnaire.

# Discussion

ITG 1.9.3 met three times following VTS56. Participants included:

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ITG 1.9.3 acknowledged that the aim of the questionnaire is to gather information from Competent Authorities to provide the Committee with a high-level overview of the delivery of VTS worldwide. The group further agreed that the questionnaire should contribute to the common understanding of the legal basis and regulatory framework for VTS by focusing on the responsibilities covered by section five of IMO Resolution A.1158(32). The group also recognized the contribution from the questionnaire to the improvement of VTS related IALA documentation.

Based on the above, a review identified that the questionnaire as completed at VTS56, was too comprehensive. The group thus agreed to simplify the questionnaire by omitting sections containing detailed questions regarding the provision of VTS on an operational level. Sections addressing Competent Authorities were retained and amended in general to cover responsibilities described in section five of IMO Resolution A.1158(32)

The questionnaire is expected to be completed at VTS57.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to consider the amendments proposed by the Intersessional Task Group to the VTS Questionnaire.

**Attachments**

1. *VTS57-8.6.1.1 Draft VTS Questionnaire*

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