

Agenda item 8 - IALA TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES**8.3 VTS****8.3.5 Withdrawal of Guideline 1055, Preparing for a Voluntary IMO Audit of VTS Delivery****Note by the Secretariat****1. Background**

The VTS Committee has been tasked to produce a Guideline on Preparing for IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) (task 1.1.5).

While preparing this task, the VTS Committee noted that there is an existing IALA Guideline 1055 on Preparing for a Voluntary IMO Audit on Vessel Traffic Services Delivery that refers to IMO resolution A.974(24) Framework and Procedures for the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme, which has been revoked by IMO Assembly.

VTS Committee therefore requests IALA Council to withdraw IALA Guideline 1055.

2. 2 Background

At its 28th Assembly meeting on 5th December 2013 IMO decided that all IMO audits are to be undertaken from the adoption of Resolution A.1067(28) Framework and Procedures for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme should be arranged and carried out in line with that resolution and using the III Code as the audit standard. IMO also revoked resolution A.974(24) Framework and Procedures for the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

The VTS Committee will produce a new Guideline on Preparing for IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) as described in work programme 2014-2018.

3. Action

The Council is requested to approve the withdrawal of IALA Guideline 1055.