

## **Liaison Note to ITU-R WP 5B**

### **Identification and Categorization of Autonomous Maritime Radio Devices operating in the frequency band 156-162.05 MHz**

#### **Categorization of maritime systems and dynamic navigation markers**

##### **1 Introduction**

IALA has received a liaison note from ITU Working Party 5B requesting IALA to consider issues with autonomous maritime radio devices (AMRD) particularly the need to categorise the various autonomous maritime radio devices. In considering the request, IALA also reviewed the report of the twelfth meeting of the IMO/ITU Expert Group.

##### **2 Discussion**

IALA welcomes the liaison from ITU and supports the work on AMRDs. IALA recognises the need to define and categorise the difference between the different units. IALA supports the draft definition proposed by the IMO/ITU Expert Group which highlights the requirement to differentiate between those AMRD that influence safety of navigation and those that are not related to safety of navigation.

IALA is currently working on a new guideline for 'the marking and use of mobile aids to navigation', which recognises their use in VDES.

IALA is interested in the progress of the ongoing studies dealing with the establishment of the preliminary draft new report ITU-R M.[AMRD].

##### **3 Action requested**

The ITU WP 5B is requested to notify IALA of further developments with AMRD's in order to timely inform and facilitate the work of ITU WP 5B.