

From: IALA VTS Committee

To: IALA Council

C64-11.3.6  
(VTS43-12.1.7)  
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## LIAISON NOTE

### Review of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services Proposed submission to the IMO

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Task 1.4.2 - Review/Update/Provide Input to IMO on Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for VTS is being progressed by the Committee as part of its 2014-2018 work programme.

The IALA VTS Strategy Paper, approved by Council at its 60<sup>th</sup> session in May 2015, states that the Committee

*“Prepare submission of unplanned output proposal to IMO to review A.857(20) for approval by Council.”*

At VTS41 it was agreed that there was a need to draw on the compelling needs identified in the process of updating the existing Resolution in developing the proposed unplanned output proposal to IMO.

A paper on the compelling needs for an update of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services was completed at VTS42. Further, it was agreed that:

*“The paper provides the basis for the Committee to commence drafting a submission to the IMO requesting a review of the Resolution as an unplanned output.”*

#### 2. DISCUSSION

At VTS43 a proposal to IMO for a new output to update Resolution A.857(20), “Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services” was prepared and agreed to by the Committee.

The Committee notes:

- The deadline for submissions to MSC-98 (May 2017) has already passed and a submission could be submitted to MSC-99 (Spring 2018); consequently the request for including a new work item into the High-Level Action Plan (HLAP) may be for the biennium 2018-2019 or 2020-2021;
- In November 2017 the General Assembly of the IMO will decide on the new HLAP biennium 2018-2019 and consequently the numbers referenced at under Strategic Direction and HLAP (Summary section on the first page of the document) may change in the final submission;
- IALA, being a NGO, cannot submit such a submission to MSC on its own, since it needs to be made by one or more Member States of the IMO.

#### 3. ACTIONS REQUESTED

- 1 The IALA Council is requested to **approve** the draft new output proposal for a review of A.857(20) (input paper C64-11.3.6.1) as stated in the IALA VTS Strategy Paper.
- 2 After approval the Secretariat is requested to forward the draft document to IALA national members for their consideration as the basis for sponsoring a submission to the IMO.