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11 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

11.4 – VTS Committee

11.4.2 – Revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20)

Note by the VTS Committee

IALA Seminar on the Revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services

1. INTRODUCTION

The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its 99th session, agreed to a submission to revision of Resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services (MSC 99/20/3), to ensure that they were modernised/updated and continued to serve as an effective instrument, providing a clear framework to implement vessel traffic services globally in a harmonized manner.

The submission document highlighted eight key areas of the resolution that require clarification or update. These include:

- Role of Competent Authority / VTS Authority
- Changing traditional boundaries
- VTS and Future Developments
- Types of Service (INS, TOS and NAS)
- Result-oriented instructions
- VTS Qualifications, Training and Certification
- Recognition of IALA Standards relating to VTS
- Administrative amendments

MSC assigned the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) as the associated organ for the revision during the 2019-2020 biennium.

2. DISCUSSION

A key outcome of the Intersessional Meeting of the Operations Working Group (Working Group 1) of the VTS Committee held at IALA headquarters 10-13 April 2018 was the formation of the Correspondence Group (A.857 Revision) to facilitate achieving the work associated with the revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services within the proposed 2018-2019 biennium of IMO.

31 Committee members from 20 organisations, representing Competent Authorities, VTS Authorities, sister organisations and industrial members, have participated in the Correspondence Group (via teleconference) since its formation in June 2018.



Following VTS45, IALA provided input to NCSR6 (NCSR 6/INF.9) advising of the work being undertaken by the Committee to assist with the revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services within the proposed 2018-2019 biennium of IMO.

At VTS46, the Committee completed a draft revision suitable for use at the Seminar on the Revision of the IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services (26 to 27 June 2019) at IALA Headquarters, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France to:

- Facilitate discussion and active engagement amongst stakeholders in preparing the draft revision of the Resolution for submission to NCSR 7.
- Provide the opportunity to broaden the participation and engagement in preparing a draft revision, particularly with IMO members who may not have been involved in the preparation of the submission by IALA (MSC99/20/3).

Assist the VTS Committee finalise the draft revision for submission to NCSR 7.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

- **Note** the progress in preparing the draft new resolution for VTS by the VTS Committee for input to NCSR 7 in late 2019 for its consideration during the 2019-2020 biennium.
- **Note** the draft revision prepared by the VTS Committee as an input document to the Seminar on the Revision of the IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services in June 2019 (VTS46-13.2.5).
- **Consider** co-sponsorship for the submission of the draft revision to NCSR7 following VTS47 in September.