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Liaison Note

Draft Revision of IALA Recommendation O-143 On Virtual Aids to Navigation and Guideline 1081 on the Provision of Virtual Aids to Navigation

# Background

The IALA Recommendation O-143 and Guideline 1081 on virtual Aids to Navigation were originally developed in 2010 by the IALA Workshop. Since then many developments have taken place and therefore the ANM Committee has revised IALA Recommendation O-143 and Guideline 1081 and developed the draft revision of the documents.

# Discussion

The 58th Session of IMO Sub-Committee on the safety of navigation (NAV) concluded that **the permanent usage of virtual AIS AtoN is not recommended**. However, the ANM Committee consider that it may be better to keep the option open for the permanent usage of virtual AIS AtoN, after careful consideration has been given to comprehensive risk assessment, adequate consultation with mariners and interested parties, etc. Therefore, the draft revision retains the permanent usage of virtual AtoN.

The draft revision also includes some editorial changes.

Virtual AtoN typically represented by virtual AIS AtoN are expected to be used widely in the future. The ANM Committee considers that the draft revision of the documents is of interest to other Committees.

# Action requested

The Committees are requested to note the draft revisions of IALA Recommendation O-143 (ANM19/output/4A) and Guideline 1081 (ANM19/output/4B) and provide comments by ANM20 (April 2013).