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| Working Party 5B | |
| Liaison Statement to The international association of marine aids to navigation and lighthouse authorities (IALA) | |

Working Party 5B (WP 5B) thanks IALA for its liaison statement given in Document [5B/110](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-WP5B-C-0110/en) suggesting a number of amendments to Recommendation ITU-R M.1371-4.

Among the changes proposed, WP 5B has several issues where no agreement could be reached during this meeting. These are as follows (the references are taken from IALA comments in Document 5B/110):

– IALA 44: Message 27 is currently limited to be used by AIS Class A equipment. The impact of this amendment is to broaden the use of Message 27 to all shipborne mobile AIS, excluding Class-B “CS”. This has not been evaluated nor agreed by ITU-R, in particular for equipment using AIS-SART technology. Therefore, WP 5B is unable to agree with this change.

– IALA 70: For the same reason, WP 5B is unable to accept deletion of Class A equipment in the Table 46 Annex 8. This allows a Message 27 to be broadcast by any AIS equipment. This contradicts the restriction given in IALA 44.

– IALA 75: see IALA 44.

– IALA 82: see IALA 70.

The remaining proposed amendments are reflected in the Chairman's Report (Annex 11 to Doc. [5B/167](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-WP5B-C-0167/en)).

The revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.1371-4 will continue at the May 2013 meeting of WP 5B, following which it will be forwarded to IMO for comment. At its November 2013 meeting WP 5B intends to integrate IMO comments and forward the completed document to ITU-R Study Group 5.

IALA is invited to provide any comments.

**Status:** For action

**Deadline**: May 2013

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