# Preliminary framework for a revision of Resolution A.857(20)

**GUIDELINES FOR A VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE (VTS)**

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HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Maritime Safety Committee at its one hundredth session,

1. ADOPTS the revised Guidelines for a Vessel Traffic Service set out in the Annex to the present resolution;

2. INVITES Governments to take account of the annexed Guidelines when planning, implementing and operating a vessel traffic service in accordance with SOLAS regulation V/12;

3. RECOMMENDS Governments to encourage masters of ships navigating in an area for which a vessel traffic service is provided to make use of such a service;

4. REVOKES resolution A.857(20).

ANNEX

# GUIDELINES FOR A VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE (VTS)

**PREAMBLE**

# DEFINITIONS

# GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR A VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE

* 1. Objectives
  2. Responsibilities
     1. Competent authority for VTS
     2. VTS authority [VTS provider]
     3. Participating vessels (ships)
  3. Liability
  4. Function of a VTS
  5. Operational considerations
     1. Communication and reporting

(reference to IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP)[[1]](#footnote-1)?)

* + 1. VTS beyond territorial seas
  1. Qualification and training
  2. Human elements
     1. Human Machine Interface (HMI)
  3. Technical considerations (see Resolution MSC.433(98))

# FURTHER GUIDANCE ON A VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE

# In planning, implementing and operating a vessel traffic service, the following references should also be consulted for further details:

# IALA Standards[[2]](#footnote-2) related to a vessel traffic service;

# IMO Guidelines and criteria for ship reporting systems[[3]](#footnote-3)[, as amended].

1. Resolution A.918(22) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Available at [www.iala-aism.org](http://www.iala-aism.org) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Resolution MSC.433(98) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)