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# Summary

This cover note introduces the report and associated outcomes from the IALA Correspondence Group (A.857 Revision) for the Committee’s consideration at VTS45.

## Purpose of the document

That the Committee considers the report and associated outcomes from the Correspondence Group in commencing Task 1.1.1 - *Revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines on Vessel Traffic Services* as described in its 2014-2018 Work Programme.

## Related documents

MSC 99/20/3

VTS45-8.1.8 – Report from Correspondence Group (revision of A.857(20))

# Background

An Intersessional Meeting of the Operations Working Group (Working Group 1) of the VTS Committee was held at IALA headquarters 10-13 April 2018 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.

The intersessional meeting was tasked to provide input to VTS45 on Task 1.4.2 of the 2014-2018 Work Programme on the revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for VTS, including:

* Establishing a common understanding of the submission and the tasks required.
* Establishing a draft framework and draft work plan for completing the review.
* A preliminary structure/content for the new resolution A.857(20).

By focusing on the areas that contribute to broad interpretation, debate and concerns that VTS is not delivered globally in a consistent manner as highlighted in the submission to the IMO (MSC 99/20/3) the meeting successfully:

* Achieved a common understanding of the submission, and
* Reached consensus on the key issues, and identified areas to be considered when drafting the revised/new Resolution commences.

The meeting also concluded that a Correspondence Group be formed to:

* Coordinate feedback and comments on the report from the Intersessional Meeting in April from both participants and VTS Committee members who did not participate;
* Subject to the discussions and decisions which would take place at IMO MSC99, prepare a draft workshop proposal for IALA to host a workshop in 2019 to broaden the participation and engagement of all relevant stakeholders in the revision; and
* Provide an input paper to VTS45.

# Discussion

24 Committee members from 14 organisations, representing Competent Authorities, VTS Authorities, Sister Organisations and industrial members, participated in the Correspondence Group.

Outcomes from the Correspondence Group for the VTS Committee’s consideration include:

* Feedback and comments on the Intersessional Meeting held in April.
* A draft work programme for completing the revision of resolution A.857(20).
* A draft proposal for a workshop on the revision of A.857(20).
* Guiding principles and draft skeleton to commence drafting the revised/new resolution.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to consider the report from the Correspondence Group and its associated outputs (VTS45 8.1.8 – Report from Correspondence Group (revision of A.857(20)) in drafting the revised resolution (Refer Task 1.1.1 *Revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines on Vessel Traffic Services* of the Committees 2018-22 Work programme).

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