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Progress on the review of the Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services (resolution A.857(20))

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides an update on the activities undertaken by IALA with respect to the revision of the Guidelines for vessel traffic services (resolution A.857(20))

Strategic direction, if applicable:

Output: Not applicable

Action to be taken: Paragraph 8

Related documents: Resolution A.857(20); MSC 99/20/3, MSC 99/22 and NCSR 6/INF.9

Background

1 MSC 99 considered document MSC 99/20/3 (Australia et al.) and agreed to include in its post-biennial agenda an output on Revision of the Guidelines for vessel traffic services (resolution A.857(20)), assigning the NCSR Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ.

2 The proposal for the new output identified eight key areas of the existing resolution that require clarification or an update, including:

   .1 the role of the competent authority and the vessel traffic service (VTS) authority;
   .2 changing traditional boundaries;
   .3 VTS and future developments;
the types of service (information service, traffic organization service and navigational assistance service);
the use of result-oriented instructions;
VTS qualifications, training and certification;
the recognition of IALA standards relating to VTS; and
various administrative amendments.

Completion of the output will ensure that the resolution and its associated guidelines are modernized/updated and continue to serve as an effective instrument, providing a clear framework to implement vessel traffic services globally in a harmonized manner.

The NCSR Sub-Committee, at its sixth session (16 to 25 January 2019), agreed to include a new agenda item on Revision of the *Guidelines for vessel traffic services* (resolution A.857(20)) in the provisional agenda for NCSR 7, for consideration by MSC 101.

**Discussion**

It has been anticipated that the NCSR Sub-Committee, in its role as the coordinating organ, may welcome the assistance of IALA in coordinating some of the work associated with the revision of the resolution.

In support of this, IALA has undertaken the following tasks:

- tasked its VTS Committee to commence consideration, among IALA members, of the revision of the Guidelines;
- provided an update to NCSR 6 on the progress that the IALA VTS Committee had made with respect to the review of the resolution (NCSR 6/INF.9);
- organizing an IALA Seminar on the revision of *Guidelines for vessel traffic services* (resolution A.857(20)), to be held in June 2019 at IALA Headquarters, with the aim to:
  - communicate and engage with stakeholders in reviewing the draft revised Guidelines for submission to the NCSR Sub-Committee;
  - provide the opportunity to broaden engagement in the review of a draft revision, particularly with IMO Member States and international organizations who may not have been involved in the preparation of the submission of a new output proposal; and
  - assist IALA in ensuring that the views of all stakeholders are considered in finalizing a document to be submitted to NCSR 7 containing the text of the proposed draft revision.

The copy of the invitation to the seminar is downloadable from [www.iala-aism.org](http://www.iala-aism.org) and some hard copies will be made available during the session of MSC 101. Registration is through the IALA website: [https://www.iala-aism.org/product/seminar-on-the-revision-of-the-imo-resolution-for-vessel-traffic-services/](https://www.iala-aism.org/product/seminar-on-the-revision-of-the-imo-resolution-for-vessel-traffic-services/)
Action requested of the Committee

8 The Committee is invited to:

.1 note the tasks being undertaken by IALA and the progress made with the revision of the Guidelines for vessel traffic services (resolution A.857(20)); and

.2 invite interested Member States and international organizations to participate in the IALA seminar on the revision of Guidelines for vessel traffic services (resolution A.857(20)) to be held in June 2019 at IALA Headquarters.