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Report of the first session of the Sub-Committee

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The Committee is invited to take action on matters emanating from NCSR 1
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	As specified in documents considered by NCSR 1
<i>High-level action:</i>	As specified in documents considered by NCSR 1
<i>Planned output:</i>	As specified in documents considered by NCSR 1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 2
<i>Related document:</i>	NCSR 1/28

General

1 The Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) held its first session from 30 June to 4 July 2014 and its report on that session has been circulated under the symbol NCSR 1/28*.

Action requested of the Committee

2 The Committee is invited to:

.1 in accordance with resolution A.858(20), to adopt the proposed:

- .1 amendments to the existing traffic separation scheme "In the Strait of Gibraltar", the precautionary area off Tanger-Med and of the south-western inshore traffic zone including anchorage areas (paragraph 3.23.1 and annex 1);
- .2 amendments to the existing traffic separation scheme "In the waters off the Chengshan Jiao Promontory" areas (paragraph 3.23.2 and annex 1);

* References are to paragraphs of, and annexes to, the report of NCSR 1 (document NCSR 1/28).

- .3 amendments to the existing routing system "Off Friesland" areas (paragraph 3.23.3 and annex 1);
 - .4 amendment to the existing recommended directions of traffic flow in the precautionary area off Tanger-Med in the Strait of Gibraltar areas (paragraph 3.24.1 and annex 2);
 - .5 establishment of new areas to be avoided "Off Friesland" (paragraph 3.24.2 and annex 2);
 - .6 amendments to the deep-water routes forming parts of routing system "Off Friesland" (paragraph 3.24.3 and annex 2);
 - .7 amendments to the mandatory route for tankers from North Hinder to the German Bight (paragraph 3.24.4 and annex 2);
 - .8 amendments to the existing two-way route in the Great North-East Channel (paragraph 3.24.5 and annex 2);
 - .9 establishment of new two-way routes and a precautionary area at Jomard Entrance, Papua New Guinea (paragraph 3.24.6 and annex 2);
 - .10 revocation of the area to be avoided in the region of the Great Barrier Reef (paragraph 3.25); and
 - .11 amendments to the existing mandatory ship reporting system Off Chengshan Jiao Promontory (paragraph 3.27 and annex 3);
- .2 endorse the action taken by the Sub-Committee to forward the draft MSC circular on ECDIS-Guidance for good practice to the HTW Sub-Committee for review, in particular, the provisions related to ECDIS training and the use of simulators, and subsequent approval by the Committee (paragraph 5.7);
 - .3 recognize the satellite navigation system "BeiDou" as a future component of the World-Wide Radionavigation System, and approve the associated draft SN circular (paragraph 6.5.1 and annex 4);
 - .4 approve the draft revised COMSAR.1/Circ.54 on Audits of LRIT Data Centres and of the International LRIT Data Exchange conducted by the LRIT Coordinator (paragraph 8.10 and annex 5);
 - .5 approve the draft amendments to LRIT-related circulars (MSC.1/Circ.1259/Rev.5, MSC.1/Circ.1294/Rev.3, MSC.1/Circ.1338, MSC.1/Circ.1376/Rev.1 and MSC.1/Circ.1412) (paragraph 8.16 and annex 6);
 - .6 approve the draft e-navigation Strategy Implementation Plan (paragraph 9.8 and annex 7);
 - .7 approve the draft MSC circular on Guidelines on Harmonization of test beds reporting (paragraph 9.12.1 and annex 8);

- .8 approve the draft Assembly resolution on Revised guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne automatic identification systems (AIS), and forward it to the Assembly for adoption (paragraph 11.7 and annex 9);
- .9 in relation to the application of the Iridium mobile-satellite system for recognition and use in the GMDSS:
 - .1 consider convening a group of experts, through the Secretariat, to participate in the evaluation process and provide technical advice, including requesting support from other international organizations such as IHO, WMO and others; or
 - .2 consider and decide on which independent body should produce a technical and operational assessment of the information contained in documents NCSR 1/12 and NCSR 1/12/2, invite that body to make that assessment and provide a report to the NCSR Sub-Committee for evaluation (paragraph 12.9);
- .10 note that the Sub-Committee approved the outcome of the High-level Review of the GMDSS (paragraph 13.5 and annex 10);
- .11 taking into account that the detailed review was still in a very early stage and cannot be finalized by NCSR 2, extend the planned output 5.2.5.2, First outline of the detailed review of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), for an additional year (to 2018) and approve the revised Plan of work (paragraph 13.21 and annex 11);
- .12 endorse the action taken by the Sub-Committee, as an exceptional case, to approve receiving the report of the Correspondence Group on the review of the GMDSS two weeks beyond the deadline for bulky documents for NCSR 2, i.e. by 19 December 2014 (paragraph 13.22);
- .13 approve the draft MSC circular on the Revised Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information (MSI) (paragraph 15.6 and annex 12);
- .14 endorse the action taken by the Sub-Committee in instructing the Secretariat to convey the liaison statement on the revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.493-13 to ITU-R Working Party 5B (paragraph 16.7 and annex 13);
- .15 approve the draft IMO position on WRC-15 agenda items concerning matters relating to maritime services and instruct the Secretariat to convey it to ITU's Conference Preparatory Meeting, to take place from 23 March to 2 April 2015 (paragraph 17.8 and annex 14);
- .16 instruct the Secretariat to consult with IMO Member States present at ITU's Conference Preparatory Meeting on new issues not included in the IMO position as developed and approved by the Committee, and to take action, as appropriate, to protect IMO's interest (paragraph 17.9);

- .17 endorse the action taken by the Sub-Committee in instructing the Secretariat to convey the liaison statement on additional comments in relation to frequency bands identified by ITU-R for future assessment of the suitability for IMT to ITU-R Joint Task Group 4-5-6-7 (paragraph 17.10 and annex 15);
- .18 approve the draft revised MSC.1/Circ.1210 on Guidance on the Cospas-Sarsat International 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database (IBRD) (paragraph 18.11 and annex 16);
- .19 approve the draft revised MSC.1/Circ.1182 on Guide to recovery techniques (paragraph 19.10 and annex 17);
- .20 approve the draft revised text for re-numbered chapter 9 (safety of navigation) and 10 (communication) of the draft Polar Code (paragraphs 23.11 and 23.17, and annex 18);
- .21 approve the deletion of re-numbered paragraph 11.4 (reporting) of re-numbered chapter 11 of the draft Polar Code (paragraph 23.18);
- .22 approve the draft revisions to sections 2.2 (navigation equipment) and 2.3 (communication equipment) of the Record of additional equipment and operational limitations for the Polar Ship Certificate (paragraphs 23.12 and 23.19, and annex 19);
- .23 endorse the Sub-Committee's view that the additional guidance in part I-B of the draft Polar Code regarding personal and group survival equipment was sufficient (paragraph 23.14);
- .24 approve the draft additional guidance on re-numbered chapters 9 and 10 for possible inclusion in part I-B of the draft Polar Code (paragraphs 23.15 and 23.21, and annex 20);
- .25 approve the draft MSC circular on Unified Interpretations of SOLAS regulation V/23.3.3 on Pilot transfer arrangements (paragraph 24.5 and annex 21);
- .26 approve the draft MSC circular on Unified Interpretations on the Completion of items 2.1 and 2.2 of Part 3 of the Form E and items 2.1 and 2.2 of Part 5 of Forms P and C (paragraph 24.15 and annex 22);
- .27 endorse the establishment of an IMO/IALA award to promote the zero accident campaign (paragraph 27.17); and
- .28 approve the report in general.

Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for NCSR 2

3 The Committee is also invited to approve the biennial status report of the Sub-Committee for the 2014-2015 biennium (paragraph 25.2 and annex 23); and approve the draft provisional agenda for NCSR 2 (paragraph 25.2 and annex 24), under agenda item 18 (Work programme).