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| **24 May 2021** |
| **English** |
| Working Party 5B | |
| Reply LiAiSon STATement to INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND LIGHTHOUSE Authorities AND Comité International Radio-Maritime on the revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.1371-5 | |
| (copy to International Maritime Organization) | |

ITU-R Working Party (WP) 5B would like to thank the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) and Comité International Radio-Maritime (CIRM) for their liaison statements (Documents [5B/322](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R19-WP5B-C-0322), [5B/266](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R19-WP5B-C-0266) respectively) regarding the revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.1371-5, in reply to a prior liaison statement from WP 5B (Annex 44 to Document [5B/225](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R19-WP5B-C-0225)). In that document, International Maritime Organization (IMO) was also invited to provide guidance, which was notified to be provided at a later stage by IMO after due consideration of the matter.

The proposals from IALA and CIRM highlight the complexity of the issue and the impact on the safety of navigation. Noting the expert knowledge related to navigation, cargo, dangerous cargo and other maritime aspects are within IMO, WP 5B suggests that IALA and CIRM liaise closely with IMO to progress the work on the revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.1371-5.

WP 5B is of the view that close direct coordination between IALA, CIRM and IMO would assist IMO as the competent body for navigation-related aspects. This may include review of proposals for clarification and use of existing messages and additional applications such as new messages within AIS prior to a revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.1371-5, and to plan and promote their harmonized implementation world wide.

To this end, WP 5B requests that IALA and CIRM make the information contained in their liaison statements available to IMO.

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| **Status:** For information and action as appropriate |  |
| **Deadline:** 8th November 2021 |  |
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