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Extension of the Teleconferencing Facilities

1 SUMMARY

This paper is intended to propose the extension of the teleconferencing facilities in IALA HQ from ENAV Committee.

2 BACKGROUND

Most tasks of ENAV Committee are handled or strongly related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) that is rapidly developed and advanced technology and also required cooperation and collaboration with other organizations such as IMO, IHO, ITU, and IEC.

Recently, ENAV Committee, especially Communication WG that currently concentrated its work on the development of VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) with ITU, has experienced lack of sufficient discussion and working time even though the WG held the intersessional meeting regularly between the Committee sessions due to the rapid developed and complicated technology and the frequency of ITU-R WP5B meeting. In order to solve the lack of time, the members of the WG voluntary held a teleconference kindly hosted by European Space Agency (ESA) or other volunteer. The documents of the teleconference were also kindly and voluntary saved and distributed by a volunteer, Mr. Jeffrey van GILS of Netherland.

3 DISCUSSION

IALA has already introduced the teleconference software, GoToMeeting. The number of the participants in the intersessional meeting of Communication WG is usually about 30. If GoToMeeting software can accommodate 30 and IALA Secretariat provides the organizer or the secretary of the meeting, intersessional meeting could be held easier without unnecessary burden of the members and thus much progress of the Committee's work can be expected. Therefore ENAV Committee would like to propose the extension of the usage of such teleconferencing facility or software in order to deal with the rapid progress and development of modern technology as the international technical organization.

4 ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE

The PAP is requested to consider the proposal and act as appropriate.

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