VTS37 Information Paper

Agenda item 15 - Any Other Business

Task Number

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Proposed Revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) - VTS

# PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

To advise members that Australia is:

* Considering submitting a proposal for inclusion of an unplanned output for the IMO Maritime Safety Committee for a revision of Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services to reflect operational and technical changes since the Resolution was agreed to in 1997, in addition to emerging needs and expectations, to ensure that the existing international framework for VTS continues to meet its objectives.
* Seeking commitment from other members in terms of support for a multi-national submission.

Note: The submission is based on the draft submission for an unplanned output for MSC prepared by the VTS Committee at VTS36 and considered at the 55th session of the IALA Council, Busan (Korea), 27-31May 2013 (Attachment 1, Annex A).

# Background

At its 54th session the IALA Council discussed the VTS Committee’s Work Programme Task 3 (Review / update / provide input to IMO on Resolution A.857 (20) - Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services).

It was decided that the members of the Council should consider whether they could support a submission to the IMO for a new work item with regards to a review of IMO Resolution A.857(20). If there were sufficient support then the VTS Committee would be tasked to provide a draft submission paper in time for MSC92 (12-21 June 2013).

In anticipation of such support, the VTS Committee drafted a submission, in the IMO format, for the revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20), for circulation to Council members.

The draft was prepared with the intention that one or more members may wish to use it as a submission to the IMO as IALA is not in a position to contribute such a submission.

The draft submission was considered at Council 55 where Australia indicated it would progress such a submission. Other countries indicated their intention to support such a submission.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note Australia’s intention to submit a proposal for inclusion of an unplanned output for the IMO Maritime Safety Committee aiming for the revision of Resolution A.857(20), and
2. Inform members interested in a multi-national submission to advise Australia’s representative on the VTS Committee, Neil Trainor, during the course of the meeting.