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# Summary

This document introduces the report and associated outcomes from the IALA Correspondence Group (A.857 Revision) for the Committee’s consideration at VTS46.

## Related documents

Related documents include:

* IMO document MSC 99/20/3
* Input paper - *VTS46-5.1.2 Report from Correspondence Group (revision of A.857(20)) to VTS46*
* Input paper - *VTS46-5.1.3 Revised-New Resolution - Version 2*
* Input paper - *VTS46-5.1.4 ‘Guiding Principles’ for drafting the Revised/New Resolution for VTS*
* Input paper - *VTS46-5.1.5 Work programme for completing the revision of resolution A.857(20)*

# Background

An Intersessional Meeting of the Operations Working Group (Working Group 1) of the VTS Committee was held at IALA headquarters 10-13 April 2018 to facilitate achieving the work associated with the revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services within the proposed 2018-2019 biennium.

The intersessional meeting was tasked to provide input to VTS45 on Task 1.4.2 of the 2014-2018 Work Programme on the revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for VTS, including:

* Establishing a common understanding of the submission and the tasks required.
* Establishing a draft framework and draft work plan for completing the review.
* A preliminary structure/content for the new resolution A.857(20).

By focusing on the areas that contribute to broad interpretation, debate and concerns that VTS is not delivered globally in a consistent manner as highlighted in the submission to the IMO (MSC 99/20/3) the meeting successfully:

* Achieved a common understanding of the submission, and
* Reached consensus on the key issues, and identified areas to be considered when drafting the revised/new Resolution commences.

The meeting also concluded that a Correspondence Group be formed to facilitate achieving the work associated with the revision of IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services within the proposed 2018-2019 biennium. The Correspondence Group was formed in June 2018.

Key inputs provided to VTS45 in October 2018 included:

* + The draft work programme for completing the revision of resolution A.857(20).
  + The draft proposal for the seminar on the revision of resolution A.857(20) to broaden participation and engagement in preparing the draft revision and assist the Committee finalise the draft revision.
  + The ‘*Guiding Principles’* and draft skeleton to commence drafting the revised/new resolution.

Based on the ‘*Guiding Principles’* and draft skeleton, the Committee prepared a first draft of the revised /new resolution at VTS45. It was also agreed that the Correspondence Group be continued to prepare the second draft of the revised /new resolution for the Committees consideration at VTS46.

# Discussion

31 Committee members from 20 organisations, representing Competent Authorities, VTS Authorities, sister organisations and industrial members, have participated in the Correspondence Group (via teleconference) since its formation.

Outcomes from the Correspondence Group for the Committee’s consideration at VTS46 include:

* Version 2 of the revised/new resolution for VTS.
* Revised ‘*Guiding Principles’* for drafting the Revised/New Resolution for VTS.
* Updated Work programme for completing the revision of resolution A.857(20).
* Report from Correspondence Group (revision of A.857(20)) to VTS46.

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to consider the following inputs documents from the Correspondence Group:

* Input paper - *VTS46-5.1.2 Report from Correspondence Group (revision of A.857(20)) to VTS46*
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