**Guiding principles drafting the revised/new Resolution for VTS**

The ‘*guiding principles’* provide the framework for drafting the revised/new resolution in a manner that will ensure the outcomes identified in the IMO submission are achieved. That is:

*“The output is required for VTS to fulfil its role as a measurable and proactive instrument in the prevention of maritime incidents and accidents. This will be achieved by providing a clear and concise framework to implement and deliver VTS globally in a realistic, consistent and harmonized manner.”*

The revised/new resolution should be prepared in a form that:

* + Provides an appropriate high-level framework that is both clear and concise,
  + Provides a link between SOLAS, the resolution, IMO documentation and requirements relevant to VTS and IALA Standards (as amended or as adopted).
  + Recognises:
    - The “key areas” identified in the IMO submission; and
    - The outcomes from the Intersessional Meeting of Working Group 1 (Operations) in April 2018.

As a guide, the following questions should be asked when reviewing text proposed for the revised/new Resolution:

* Is it clear and concise?
* Is the topic/issue already prescribed in, or is a cross reference required to, existing IMO and/or IALA documentation?
* Does it add value?
* Is it in conflict with other parts of the revised/new Resolution?