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Agenda item 9 – IALA TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

9.4 VTS

9.4.4 IALA VTS Strategy

*9.4.4.1 – Introductory note of Strategy Paper
on the Future Delivery of VTS*

Note by the VTS Committee

1 Introduction

The IALA Council at its 53rd session approved the proposed task (VTS34/output/8) to develop a strategy paper addressing the delivery of VTS in a rapidly changing world. This task included the following actions:

- 1) Develop an IALA VTS Strategy with regards to the delivery of VTS in a rapidly changing world;
- 2) Identification of possible implications for IMO Resolution A.857(20) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services.
 - a. Identify and document:
 - i. the strengths and weaknesses of IMO Resolution A.857(20) in setting the framework for the delivery of VTS;
 - ii. developments in VTS since the existing Resolution was agreed and emerging trends that may be anticipated over the next 10-20 years;
 - iii. possible limitations to addressing the emerging needs and developments for VTS within the existing provisions of IMO Resolution A.857(20).
- 3) Provide a draft IALA VTS Strategy Paper outline and requisite Policy Objectives for the development of VTS to meet the emerging needs and developments over the next 10-20 years.

At its 39th session the VTS Committee finalized this task and reached a consensus on the now presented VTS strategy document – input paper C60-9.4.4.2 (VTS39-12.1.2).

2 Details of the VTS strategy document

The document consists of the following:

- Chapter 2 - Background information highlighting IALA's role, the developments and motivation leading to the above reflected task and its justification;
- Chapter 3 - General principles for the development of the vision for the future delivery of VTS in the next 10-20 years;
- Chapter 4 - Proposed mission statement and policy objectives for VTS;

- Chapter 5 - Proposed vision on the delivery of future VTS services, a short overview on developments leading to this vision (including the conclusions of the 12th IALA VTS Symposium 2012) and emphasizing two important basic principles;
- Chapter 6 - Strategy, goals and tasks for the development of future VTS and referring to Annex A where a general overview of the VTS Strategy, its goals and references to IALA's VTS activities are reflected;
- Chapter 7 - A strategic approach for acceptance and support of IALA's strategy for the future delivery of VTS and a bottom-up process (Annex C) for a review of IMO Resolution A.857(20) and eventually SOLAS V, and
- Annex B - with reference to tasks 2,a, i, ii, and iii - provides an overview of the strengths and weaknesses of IMO Resolution A.857(20), developments in VTS and emerging trends, as well as limitations to addressing the emerging needs and developments for VTS within this Resolution.

3 Action requested

The Council is requested to:

- 1 note the content of document C60-9.4.4.2 (*VTS39-12.1.2*) and the Annex B;
- 2 approve the mission statement (Chapter 4) and vision (Chapter 5);
- 3 approve the proposed strategy for the future delivery of VTS, its' goals and references to the IALA activities (tasks) as reflected in Annex A; and
- 4 approve the proposed approach and guidance for acceptance and support of IALA's strategy for the delivery of future VTS and the road towards a review of IMO Resolution A.857(20).