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Comment on document MSC 96/23/7, “New planned output on harmonized Maritime Service Portfolios”

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Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides comments on document MSC 96/23/7, “New planned output on harmonized Maritime Service Portfolios” submitted by Australia, Canada, Finland, Norway, the Netherlands, IHO, CIRM, ICS, IALA, IHMA, IMPA and InterManager, and is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of the Committees Guidelines.
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	5.2
<i>High-level action:</i>	5.2.4, 5.2.5 and 5.2.6
<i>Planned output:</i>	No planned output
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 11
<i>Related documents:</i>	MSC 96/23/7

Introduction

1 This document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 6.12.5 of the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4/Rev.4)..

2 This submission provides comments on input document MSC 96/23/7, “New planned output on harmonized Maritime Service Portfolios” submitted by Australia, Canada, Finland, Norway, the Netherlands, International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO), Comité International Radio-Maritime (CIRM), International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), International Harbour Masters Association (IHMA), International Marine Pilots Association (IMPA) and InterManager.

3 At MSC 95, the Committee considered document MSC 95/19/8. Annex 6 of the document proposed to consider reports on the development and implementation of Maritime Service Portfolios (MSPs) (and other e-navigation reports) from Member States and other international organizations, including proposals to deal with the remaining non-prioritised potential e-navigation solutions.

4 The co-sponsors of the submission have requested the Committee to:-

- .1 include, in the post-biennial agenda of the Committee, an output on "Definition and harmonization of the format and structure of Maritime Service Portfolios (MSPs)", with two sessions needed to complete the output, assigning the NCSR Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ; and
- .2 invite relevant international organizations to indicate their intention to take part in the development of relevant MSPs and consider activating the IMO-IHO Harmonization Group on Data Modelling (HGDM).

IALA's Role in e-Navigation

5 Over the past decade, IALA has played a leading role in developing the shore-based aspects of e-navigation through a dedicated technical committee, seminars and workshops designed to improve the understanding of both the benefits and limitations of e-navigation. This has also involved close cooperation with other Intergovernmental Organisations such as the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) and industry.

6 More recently, it has provided significant technical input into the development of IMO's e-navigation Strategy Implementation Plan (SIP), which was approved by the Maritime Safety Committee in November 2014, and of the related proposals for planned outputs. This will focus on priority solutions for e-navigation implementation and will be conducted by the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR). IALA will be closely involved in progressing this important work.

Recent "e-Navigation Underway International" Conference

7 The sixth "e-Navigation Underway International" Conference with the theme of "The Coordinated Approach", organised by IALA and the Danish Maritime Authority, was held on-board the DFDS ferry M/S PEARL SEAWAYS from February 2 to 4, 2016 with 148 participants from government, industry, and international organisations. The keynote address was presented by the IMO Secretary-General. Speakers, and participants, included representatives from IHO, IMPA, CIRM, IALA and the Chair of the former IMO e-Navigation Correspondence Group.

8 One of the conclusions of the Conference states:

"IALA may be an appropriate organisation to coordinate the IMO unplanned output 6 on MSPs and harmonise the format, structure and communications channels for the exchange of information electronically."

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9 IALA is already conducting work on MSPs that are within its remit, in accordance with the SIP, and has established a Working Group within its e-Navigation Committee for this purpose. This Working Group has been dealing with MSPs since 2014, over four sessions of the e-Navigation Committee.

10 Most MSPs are concerned with the transmission of information from shore to ship, and IALA has established and maintained cooperative working arrangements with most of the other organisations concerned with MSPs.

11 In the event that the MSC agrees on a new planned output on the development of an MSC Resolution on the format, structure and communication channels for the exchange of information electronically between shore and ship related to MSPs, and recognising the roles and responsibilities of other IGOs and NGOs, and the heavy agenda of the NCSR Sub-Committee, IALA would be willing to contribute to the coordination of the work related to the development of MSPs and to harmonise the format, structure and communications channels for the exchange of information electronically.

Action requested of the Committee

12 The Committee is requested to consider the comments provided and decide as appropriate.