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Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

The Maritime Resource Name (MRN) allows navigationally unique objects such as AtoN, VTS products and services and other maritime resources to have a unique identification to avoid duplication and misalignment.

At ENAV17, the ENAV Committee produced a draft Guideline on Unique Identifiers for Maritime Resources, introducing the Maritime Resource Name (MRN) as a method for creation of global Unique Identifiers.

The scheme for using MRN to identify Aids to Navigation is still under discussion in ENAV and it is anticipated that it will be finalized at ENAV21 (September 2017) for approval by IALA Council in December 2017.

2. LIAISON NOTE TO IHO NIPWG ON USE OF MRN IN S-201

This Liaison Note is provided in response to a proposal from the IHO Standardization of Nautical Publications Working Group (SNPWG) proposal for a renewal of the international light numbering system to be done in close liaison with the responsible IALA Committee

The finalised document is submitted as input paper C64-11.4.10.1.

3. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Approve the draft liaison note to IHO NIPWG on the use of MRN in S-201 for forwarding to the IHO Nautical Information Provision Working Group (NIPWG).