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**Withdrawal of COMSAR/Circ.36**

8.8 The Committee endorsed the withdrawal of COMSAR/Circ.36 on Broadcast of warnings for tsunamis and other natural disasters, with effect from 1 January 2013, following the revision of the Worldwide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) documentation.

**Revised Questionnaire on Shore-based Facilities for the GMDSS**

8.9 The Committee approved MSC.1/Circ.1382/Rev.1 on Revised questionnaire on shore-based facilities for the GMDSS.

**Review and Modernization of the GMDSS**

8.10 The Committee noted that the Sub-Committee had finalized the Scoping exercise on how any review of the elements and procedures of the GMDSS might be implemented and, having identified the compelling need for a review and modernization of the GMDSS, presented a work plan for consideration by the Committee, together with a request for a new unplanned output (see paragraph 25.18).

8.11 The Committee further noted the concerns expressed at COMSAR 16 with regard to the review of the GMDSS, in particular on the known and unknown implications in terms of affordability by developing countries.

8.12 The Committee endorsed the terms of reference for the Correspondence Group on the Review of the GMDSS to enable intersessional work to be done between MSC 90 and COMSAR 17.

8.13 The Committee instructed the Secretariat to bring the Work Plan to the attention of the STW Sub-Committee, in particular, to consider issues related to the Human Element for advice, as appropriate.

8.14 The Committee approved MSC.1/Circ.1414 on Guidance to prospective GMDSS satellite service providers.

***SUB-COMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE (COMSAR)*****Revision of the Guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne automatic identification systems (AIS)**

25.17 The Committee recalled that, following consideration of document MSC 90/25/7 (China), it had agreed to include in the 2012-2013 biennial agenda of the NAV Sub-Committee an unplanned output on "Revision of the Guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne automatic identification systems (AIS)", with a target completion year of 2013, in association with the COMSAR Sub-Committee as and when requested by the NAV Sub-Committee, instructing the Sub-Committee to include the output in the provisional agenda for NAV 59 (see paragraph 25.24).

**Review and modernization of Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)**

25.18 The Committee considered a proposal by COMSAR 16 (COMSAR 16/17, annex 2) to review the GMDSS and develop a programme to implement the findings of the review, modernize the GMDSS and support the communications needs for the e-navigation strategy, and agreed to include in the 2012-2013 biennial agenda of the COMSAR, NAV and STW Sub-Committees and provisional agendas for COMSAR 17 and STW 44 an unplanned output on "Review and modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)", with a target completion year of 2017, assigning the COMSAR Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ.

**Review and modernization of the GMDSS**

25.21 The Committee recalled that, following consideration of a relevant proposal by COMSAR 16, it had agreed to include in the 2012-2013 biennial agenda of the COMSAR, NAV and STW Sub-Committees and provisional agendas for COMSAR 17 and STW 44, an unplanned output on "Review and modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)", with a target completion year of 2017, assigning the COMSAR Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ, in association with the NAV and STW Sub-Committees as and when requested by the COMSAR Sub-Committee (see paragraph 25.18).

**Revision of the Guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne automatic identification systems (AIS)**

25.24 The Committee considered document MSC 90/25/7 (China), proposing to amend the *Guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne automatic identification systems (AIS)* (resolution A.917(22), as amended by resolution A.956(23)), by incorporating operation requirements for AIS-SART, and agreed to include in the 2012-2013 biennial agenda of the NAV Sub-Committee an unplanned output on "Revision of the Guidelines for the onboard operational use of shipborne automatic identification systems (AIS)", with a target completion year of 2014, in association with the COMSAR Sub-Committee as and when requested by the NAV Sub-Committee, instructing the Sub-Committee to include the output in the provisional agenda for NAV 59.

**Review and modernization of the GMDSS**

25.40 The Committee recalled that, following consideration of a relevant proposal by COMSAR 16, it had agreed to include in the 2012-2013 biennial agenda of the COMSAR, NAV and STW Sub-Committees and provisional agendas for COMSAR 17 and STW 44 an unplanned output on "Review and modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)", with a target completion year of 2017, assigning the COMSAR Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ, in association with the NAV and STW Sub-Committees as and when requested by the COMSAR Sub-Committee (see paragraph 25.18).