

Outcomes from IRCC10

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides details on the relevant extracts from the draft report of IRCC 10.

Action to be taken: 3

Related documents: WWNWS10/1/3.1 (IRCC 10-07B)

1. The 10th session of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) meeting in Goa, India, 4-6 June 2018. Mr Chris Janus, on behalf of the Chair WWNWS-SC, presented the report from the WWNWS-SC (IRCC 10-07B), which included the outcomes and actions from the 9th meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, on 28 August to 1 September 2017.

2. The relevant extract from the draft IRCC10 report is provided below:

WWNWS-SC

USA, on behalf of the WWNWS-SC Chair, introduced the report (*doc. IRCC10-07B*) and reported the work of the Document Review Working Group (DRWG), in particular due to the recent changes to the Inmarsat satellite constellation and services that affected some IMO Resolutions and the IHO publication S-53 *Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information (MSI)*.

He reported that a significant number of unannounced missile firings happened in Korean Peninsula which posed grave concern over maritime operations with a serious threat to maritime safety.

The meeting was informed that the continued success of the WWNWS MSI Capacity Building Course depends on having qualified trainers and that the only French instructor retired in 2017 and that there is no Spanish speaking qualified instructor. Therefore, the course can only be offered in English. The WWNWS-SC suggested that a course could be developed to train new trainers, who had a suitable background and the necessary operational experience.

He informed the meeting that the key work items are the continuation of the process of editorial amendments to the IHO publication S-53 *Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information (MSI)*, the monitoring of developments in IMO regarding E-Navigation, AIS Aids to Navigation and GMDSS Modernization and their impact on the provision of navigational warnings to mariners at sea and the development of appropriate advice and guidance to IMO through IHO Member States' national delegations and, when appropriate, at the relevant IMO committees and sub-committees attended by IHO delegates.

The report raised good reaction from Spanish speaking countries and Argentina proposed Cdr Lopez to be trained as MSI Instructor and Spain volunteered to translate the MSI

training material to Spanish. The meeting agreed the following actions and recommendations to RHCs:

Action 1: Spain to investigate the possibility to translate the MSI training material developed with resources from the CB Fund from French to Spanish and report back to IRCC (deadline: IRCC11).

Action 2: WWNWS-SC Chair to report the status of MSI in coastal States to the next IRCC meeting (deadline: IRCC11)

Recommendations to RHCs:

1. Request National Coordinators review the contents of the relevant Annexes of the GMDSS Master Plan and IHO Publication C-55 – Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide – to ensure consistency for their national entries.
2. Encourage the use of the Joint Manual on MSI to ensure correct terminology and formats are used in MSI messages.
3. Encourage closer engagement of the National MSI Coordinators of Member States with the relevant NAVAREA Coordinator(s).
4. Encourage close liaison between regional CB Coordinators and the Chair of the WWNWS-SC on programming and candidate selection for MSI training.
5. Encourage the attendance of Member States and Observers at WWNWS-SC meetings.

3. The WWNWS-SC is requested to:

- a. **Note** the information provided;
- b. **Assist** National Coordinators to undertake regular reviews of the information provided in the GMDSS Master Plan annexes and C-55 to ensure consistency;
- c. **Encourage** closer engagement between NAVAREA Coordinators and regional CB Coordinators to assist in candidate selection for attendance on MSI training courses; and
- d. **Take** any other actions, as appropriate.