

GMDSS Master Plan

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides updated information from IMO following COMSAR 14

Action to be taken: 9

Related documents: None

Update of the GMDSS Master Plan

1. Using information provided by Governments between April 2009 and April 2010, the IMO Secretariat have issued GMDSS.1/Circ.12 (GMDSS Master Plan) on 30 April 2010. The annex shows in brief the status of shore-based facilities on the date of issue of GMDSS.1/Circ.12.

2. Member Governments that provided information for this update of the GMDSS Master Plan were Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, China (the People's Republic of), Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, France, Greece, Greenland (Denmark), Iceland, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Japan, Lithuania, Mauritius, Norway, Poland, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sweden, Turkey and Hong Kong, China.

3. IMO invites Member Governments to check their national data in GMDSS.1/Circ.12 for accuracy, and provide the IMO Secretariat with any necessary amendments, as soon as possible, and to respond to MSC/Circ.684, if they have not already done so.

Revision of MSC/Circ.684

4. The COMSAR Sub-Committee at its fourteenth session (COMSAR 14), 8 to 12 March 2010, considered the by the IMO Secretariat proposed revision of MSC/Circ.684 regarding the Questionnaire on the availability of shore-based facilities in the GMDSS, which the IMO Secretariat considered necessary due to changes in the provision of several services as well as the evolution of the database over the years.

5. Following discussion in its Technical Working Group, COMSAR 14 endorsed the draft MSC circular on the Questionnaire on the availability of shore-based facilities in the GMDSS, superseding MSC/Circ.684, for approval by the Committee at its eighty-eight session, to be held from 24 November to 3 December 2010. The draft MSC circular is available as an annex to the report of the Sub-Committee (COMSAR 14/17, annex 3).

Revision of ITU Service Publications

6. COMSAR 14 noted a liaison statement from ITU-R WP 5B with regard to the implementation of Resolution 355 (WRC-07) concerning the maritime publications. The Sub-Committee noted that ITU-R WP 5B had completed its studies on the integration of the existing List V and List VIIA into a new List V "List of ship stations and maritime mobile service identity assignments", the integration of the existing List IV and List VI into a new List IV "List of coast stations and special service stations".

7. The Sub-Committee noted further that in 2011 the new Lists IV and V would be published by the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) and recognized that it was crucial for the maritime community to have accurate and up-to-date information available for the safe transport of persons and goods and encouraged IMO Member Governments to regularly notify to the BR any modifications relating to the new Lists IV and V, taking also into account Article 20 of the Radio Regulations.

8. COMSAR 14 noted also that by mid-2010 the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) would send out a Circular Letter to inform Administrations the details with regard to the implementation of the new Lists IV and V. IMO Member Governments have been invited to carefully note this Circular Letter when published and where necessary adapt their own internal procedures in order to comply adequately with requirements, relating to the new Lists IV and V.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

9. The WWNWS Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided and take action, as appropriate.