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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the twelfth session of the Sub-Committee
to be held from Tuesday, 13 to Thursday, 22 May 2025
at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR**

(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. (UTC+1) on Tuesday, 13 May 2025)

Opening of the session

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Routing measures and ship reporting systems (7.22)
- 4 Updates to the LRIT system (7.23)
- 5 Developments in GMDSS services, including guidelines on maritime safety information (MSI) (7.2)
- 6 Response to matters related to the ITU-R Study Groups and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference (2.1)
- 7 Development of global maritime SAR services, including harmonization of maritime and aeronautical procedures and amendments to the IAMSAR Manual (1.34)
- 8 Development of procedures and requirements for the recognition of augmentation systems in the Worldwide Radionavigation System (2.[...])
- 9 Development of amendments to SOLAS chapters IV and V and performance standards and guidelines to introduce VHF Data Exchange System (VDDES) (2.28)
- 10 Development of guidelines for software maintenance of shipboard navigation and communication equipment and systems (2.[...])
- 11 Development of guidelines for EPIRB which implement the two-way communication service via the SAR/Galileo Return Link service as a complement to EPIRB performance standards (resolution MSC.471(101)) (2.[...])
- 12 Development of guidelines for the use of electronic nautical publications (ENP) (7.49)

- 13 Revision of the Performance Standards for Shipborne BeiDou Satellite Navigation System (BDS) Receiver Equipment (resolution MSC.379(93)) (2.[...])
- 14 Development of guidance to establish a framework for data distribution and global IP-based connectivity between shore-based facilities and ships for ECDIS S-100 products (new)
- 15 Validated model training courses (6.2)
- 16 Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, environment, facilitation, liability and compensation-related conventions (7.1)
- 17 Biennial status report and provisional agenda for NCSR 13
- 18 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026
- 19 Any other business
- 20 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Notes:

1 In accordance with the document on *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5):

.1 documents should be received by the Secretariat as follows:¹

- .1 documents (including information documents) containing more than six pages (bulky documents),² by **10 February 2025** (13-week deadline);
- .2 non-bulky documents including information documents (six pages or fewer) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **10 March 2025** (nine-week deadline); and
- .3 documents (four pages or fewer) commenting on those referred to in sub-paragraphs .1 and .2 above, by **24 March 2025** (seven-week deadline). These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5;

¹ Documents other than information documents and reports from sub-committees, working, drafting, correspondence and other working groups and the Secretariat, and which contain more than 20 pages, in line with paragraph 6.11 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5, will not be translated in their entirety. Such documents should include, for translation purposes, a summary not longer than four pages, with the technical content submitted as an annex in the language needed by working groups (i.e. English).

² In the case of documents containing more than 50 pages, the provisions of paragraph 6.12.1 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5 are to be applied.

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- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, and be as concise as possible, and:
- .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with section 6 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5;
 - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action which the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
 - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein; and
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
- font: Arial;
 - font size: 11 pt;
 - justification: full;
 - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.

A template is available on the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents.

To facilitate processing, documents should be submitted via the new Meeting Document Submission Portal on IMODOCS (Submission Portal) in DOCX format, as set out in paragraph 6.2 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5.

2 Documents containing proposals for the establishment of, or amendments to, ships' routing systems or ship reporting systems should take into account the *Procedure for the submission of documents containing proposals for the establishment of, or amendments to, ships' routing systems or ship reporting systems* (MSC.1/Circ.1608).

3 The Maritime Safety Committee has recommended that the sub-committees should strictly observe the provisions in the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.5, which, inter alia, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Member States or international organizations.

4 In order to improve access to information and increase transparency, submitters of meeting documents are invited to give their consent for their documents to be released to the public prior to the meeting by checking the "opt-in box" at the top right corner of the new document template provided on IMODOCS (pre-session public release). In the absence of explicit consent, submissions will not be released to the public prior to the meeting.
