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14.3 – Arctic matters

14.3.1 – Proposed IALA-IHO Arctic Seminar

Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

This Seminar was approved at Council session 61, December 2015, refer Report clause 13.3.3.

2. DEFERRAL TO 2017

During the “e-Navigation Underway” conference, earlier this year, the Secretariat, in consultation with the President of IHO, determined that it would be wise to defer the Arctic Seminar to 2017. This was necessary as the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General were to visit the Department of Navigation and Oceanography of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation in March.

3. SEMINAR PLANNING

The general concept and objectives for the Seminar have not changed markedly since Council session 61, and the current planning document is provided as input paper C62-14.3.2.

The Secretariat has been considering follow-up activities after the Seminar, and the following are the first to come to mind.

- The development and coordination of terrestrial radio-navigation systems and GNSS back-up services
- The provision of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) via coordinated Maritime Service Portfolios (MSPs) via space and terrestrial transmission. The following are candidates
 - VDES by terrestrial transmitters and from satellite
 - NAVDAT on 500 KHz
 - NAVDAT on 300KHz by modernisation of existing DGPS radio beacons
 - Commercial satellite
- The harmonisation of regional and national ice chart services

4. MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVIGATION AND HYDROGRAPHY

The Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General visited the Department of Navigation and Oceanography of the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence (DNO) on Friday 25th March.

The DNO welcomed the initiative by IALA, and confirmed its intention to participate, requesting that sufficient notice be given to enable diaries and documents to be prepared.

The DNO also stressed its desire that the Seminar not be a one-off event, but have an ongoing activity of a form to be agreed, to maintain the discussions and particularly to make concrete progress after the Seminar.

A report on the meeting with DNO, which covered more than Arctic matters, is provided as input documents C62-14.3.3 (cover page) and C62-14.3.3A (report in PDF).

5. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Note the content of this paper.