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LIAISON NOTE

Technical Specification of VDES R-Mode

# Development of R-Mode Guidelines

During ENG12 and ENAV26 a common meeting was held on the morning of the 5th October to clarify how to deal with the input document ENAV24-12.3.7.1 which was planned to be incorporated in the draft guideline on Implementation of R-Mode on MF and VHF frequencies, currently under development in the ENG committee.

The ENAV WG3 expressed the need to have a separate guideline for VDES R-Mode to strengthen the possibility to get the VDE frequencies accepted for navigation purposes from ITU. This could still achieve at WRC'23, but this means that the IMO accepts R-Mode as part of e-Navigation. It was concluded that the VDES R-mode guideline will focus on technical specifications and further developed within ENAV and the Implementation guideline for MF and VDES specification shall focus on implementation aspects for service providers. This guideline will be further developed in the ENG committee.

Further, it was concluded that ENAV and ENG committees should have a common working space on the file share to exchange VDES R-Mode specifications and current versions of the guidelines developed in both committees. In addition, WG3 of ENG committee and WG3 of ENAV Committee should use virtual meetings to align work on both guidelines.

# Action requested

The ENAV committee is invited

* to note the result of the new work arrangement between the ENG and ENAV committee with respect to VDES R-Mode
* to support further communication between the appropriate WG of both committees