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INITIAL DESCRIPTIONS OF MARITIME SERVICES IN THE CONTEXT OF E-NAVIGATION

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 101st session (5 to 14 June 2019), adopted resolution MSC.467(101) on *Guidance on the definition and harmonization of the format and structure of Maritime Services in the context of e-navigation*, and:
 - .1 agreed to consolidate the descriptions of Maritime Services and to consider them together with all involved international organizations and interested Member States in order to harmonize the provision and exchange of maritime information and data; and
 - .2 invited Member States and international organizations acting as domain coordinating bodies to submit descriptions of Maritime Services to the Organization, taking into account the guidance provided in the resolution.
- In doing so, the Committee also approved the *Initial descriptions of Maritime Services* in the context of e-navigation, set out in the annex, which had been prepared by the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue, at its sixth session (16 to 25 January 2019), based on information submitted by Member States and international organizations acting as domain coordinating bodies.
- 3 The information contained in the annex constitutes the first draft of Maritime Service descriptions and it is an initial contribution for the harmonization of the format and structure of Maritime Services. The initial descriptions of Maritime Services are expected to be periodically updated, taking into account developments and related work on harmonization.
- Interested Member States, international organizations and other stakeholders are invited to contribute to the work on harmonization of the format and structure of Maritime Services, either through the Organization or through the relevant domain coordinating bodies.
- 5 Member States and international organizations are invited to bring the Initial descriptions to the attention of those responsible for the development or implementation of Maritime Services.

