

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE JOINT IMO/IHO/WMO
CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON ARCTIC MSI SERVICES**

Taking into account resolution A.706 (17), as amended by MSC/Circ.685 and MSC/Circ.750 including the relevant decisions of COMSAR 10, the joint IMO/IHO/WMO Correspondence Group on Arctic MSI Services should give consideration and provide comments on the following:

- .1 recommend a way forward to deal with the expansion of MSI services taking account of documents MSC 80/13/2 and COMSAR 10/3 (Russian Federation), COMSAR 10/3/1 (IHO) and observations from other countries in the Arctic regions;
- .2 in progressing the matter also consider the following additional salient issues:
 - .1 Should there be a northern limit to any new areas?
 - .2 Can a seasonal service only be provided?
 - .3 Who will act as NAVAREA co-ordinator and METAREA issuing service (do not have to be same country)?
 - .4 Would some of the proposed new NAVAREAs be better established as sub-areas of existing NAVAREAs?
 - .5 How will warnings be transmitted, and can they be monitored as required? Do systems other than Inmarsat (such as HF NBDP, NAVTEX or other satellite service providers) need to be considered?
 - .6 Who will undertake provision of SAR information?
 - .7 How will Inmarsat system definition manual and existing SafetyNET terminals be updated to allow receipt of the new NAVAREAs? Ideally this update needs to be co-ordinated with plans to include new areas in other parts of the world.
 - .8 Will assistance be required from IHO/CPRNW to support new NAVAREA co-ordinators or from JCOMM/ETMSS for METAREA issuing services?
 - .9 How will WWNWS guidance and other relevant documents be updated?
- .3 prepare a report for COMSAR 11.