

Re-establishment of the Correspondence Group on the Review of the GMDSS

9.18 The Sub-Committee re-established the Correspondence Group on the Review of the GMDSS, under the coordination of the United States*, with the following terms of reference:

"Taking into account the revised Plan of Work for the GMDSS Review and Modernization project (NCSR 1/28, annex 11), documents NCSR 2/9/Rev.1 and NCSR 2/WP.5, paragraphs 4.1 to 4.17 containing the report of the Communications Working Group at NCSR 2, and the outcome of discussions at the twenty-second meeting of the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on Search and Rescue (14 to 18 September 2015), as appropriate, the Correspondence Group on the Review of the GMDSS should:

- .1 develop proposals on issues identified at NCSR 2, including:
 - .1 consideration of the costs associated with the approval of additional GMDSS service providers; and
 - .2 development of reliable and correct data regarding shore-based infrastructure for the MF/HF communications system;
- .2 develop the document containing the draft outcome of the Detailed Review of the GMDSS, also taking into account the outcome of NCSR 1 and of the tenth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group which took place in 2014;
- .3 submit an interim report to the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group's eleventh meeting (5 to 9 October 2015) for its consideration; and
- .4 taking into account the outcome of discussions in the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group, submit a report, including the document containing the (revised) draft outcome of the Detailed Review, to NCSR 3 by 11 December 2015."

9.19 In this context, the Sub-Committee authorized the correspondence group, as an exceptional case, to submit its report for NCSR 3 by 11 December 2015 (i.e. two weeks beyond the deadline for bulky documents), and invited the Committee to endorse the action taken.

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