

The Way Forward

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**SUMMARY**

Executive Summary: This document provides the report of MSC86's consideration of Document WWNWS1/3/5/4/1

Action to be taken: 2

Related documents: WWNWS1/3/5/4/1; MSC86/26

1. The following text is extracted from the report of IMO MSC86

***Scoping exercise to establish the need for a review of the elements and procedures of the GMDSS***

*23.20 Following consideration of document MSC 86/23/11 (Chile, France, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States), proposing to undertake a scoping exercise on how any review of the elements and procedures of the GMDSS may be implemented and further advise on the shape, size and structure of this review, the Committee, having noted COMSAR 13's recommendation (COMSAR 13/14, paragraph 7.26), agreed to include, in the work programme of the COMSAR Sub-Committee a sub item on .Scoping exercise to establish the need for a review of the elements and procedures of the GMDSS under the work programme item on Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS)., with two sessions needed to complete the sub item. In this context, the Committee requested the Secretariat to liaise with ITU with a view to utilizing the resources of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group in the cause of this exercise.*

2. The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided and take action as it considers appropriate.