

Outcomes of MSC 92

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides details of the outcomes of MSC 92, which are relevant to WWNWS-SC

Action to be taken: Paragraph 2.

Related documents: MSC 92/26 dated 30 June 2013

1. MSC 92 was held at IMO Headquarters in London 12 – 21 May 2013. The following items are of relevance to WWNWS-SC:

.1 The MSC approved the proposed draft amendments to the questionnaire on shore-based facilities for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), IMO Resolutions A.705(17) on the Promulgation of Maritime Safety Information and A.706(17) on the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service, all of which had been endorsed by the 17th session of its Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR). These have been issued by the IMO Secretariat as MSC.1/Circ.1382/Rev.2, MSC.1/Circ.1287/Rev.1 and MSC.1/Circ.1288/Rev.1 respectively.

.2 The MSC considered the notification by the United States (MSC 92/9/2) of the application of the "Iridium" mobile-satellite system for recognition and use in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The United States informed the MSC that it intended to provide the competent Sub-Committee with the necessary information to enable the Sub-Committee to verify that the "Iridium" mobile-satellite system meets the criteria of resolution A.1001(25), and to provide a recommendation to the MSC concerning the recognition of that system for use in the GMDSS provider. The MSC also considered the information provided by IMSO (MSC 92/9/3) on actions undertaken by IMSO in preparation for the recognition of a new mobile satellite communication system for the GMDSS. The MSC, having noted that, in principle, there were no objections, agreed to refer the matter to the NCSR Sub-Committee for evaluation of the detailed information, which would be provided to it in due course, under its agenda item on "Developments in maritime radiocommunication systems and technologies". Furthermore, the MSC noted that IMSO was prepared to assist the IMO in undertaking the technical and operational assessment to ensure full compliance with all the criteria and procedures, as set out in resolution A.1001(25), as well as the guidance provided in MSC.1/Circ.1414.

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