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IMO STANDARD MARINE COMMUNICATIONS PHRASES

Update on Progress

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the amended draft Standard Marine Communications Phrases (SMCP).

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: MSC 71/23, STW 31/11, NAV 46/16 and MSC/Circ.794

Background

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-eighth session (28 May to 6 June 1997), considered draft "Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCPs)" prepared by the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation and approved their dissemination by MSC/Circ.794. MSC 68 also invited Member Governments and international organizations concerned to conduct trials using the SMCPs and to report the results of such trials well in advance for consideration by NAV 45, in order that it could, in co-operation with the COMSAR and STW Sub-Committees, finalize the SMCPs. MSC 68 also considered that, following the trials, a suitable draft Assembly resolution could be prepared for submission to the twenty-second session of the Assembly for adoption.

2 MSC 71 instructed NAV 45 to include, in the provisional agenda for NAV 46 (10 to 14 July 2000), an item on "IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases".

Update

3 NAV 45 gave initial consideration to the results of the trials on the basis of information received from Chile, Croatia, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Ukraine, Hong Kong, China and ISF (NAV 45/13). NAV 45 also requested comments and proposals from Members for more detailed consideration at NAV 46.

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4 NAV 46 approved the amended draft Standard Marine Communications Phrases contained in MSC/Circ.794. NAV 46 also decided that the STW Sub-Committee should clarify the use of the amended draft Standard Marine Communications Phrases to meet the requirements in Table A-II/1 of the STCW Code.

5 The amended draft Standard Marine Communications Phrases, as approved by NAV 46, are also to be reviewed by COMSAR 5 (11 to 15 December 2000).

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

6 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the above information and decide as appropriate.
