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AND RESCUE
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Agenda item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA*

**for the fifteenth session of the Sub-Committee
to be held from Monday, 7 to Friday, 11 March 2011
at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR**

Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 7 March 2011

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
 - .1 Matters relating to the GMDSS Master Plan
 - .2 Operational and technical coordination provisions of maritime safety information (MSI) services, including review of the related documents
 - .3 Scoping exercise to establish the need for a review of the elements and procedures of the GMDSS
 - .4 Development of Assembly resolution on World-Wide Met-Ocean Information and Warning Service
- 4 ITU maritime radiocommunication matters
 - .1 Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group matters
 - .2 ITU World Radiocommunication Conference matters
- 5 Satellite services (Inmarsat and Cospas-Sarsat)
- 6 Matters concerning search and rescue, including those related to the 1979 SAR Conference and the implementation of the GMDSS
 - .1 Harmonization of aeronautical and maritime search and rescue procedures, including SAR training matters

* Agenda item numbers do not indicate priorities.

- .2 Plan for the provision of maritime SAR services, including procedures for routing distress information in the GMDSS
- 7 Developments in maritime radiocommunication systems and technology
- 8 Revision of the IAMSAR Manual
- 9 Safety provisions applicable to tenders operating from passenger ships
- 10 Measures to protect the safety of persons rescued at sea
- 11 Development of an e-navigation strategy implementation plan
- 12 Revision of Performance Standards for float-free satellite EPIRBs operating on 406 MHz (resolution A.810(19))
- 13 Work programme and provisional agenda for COMSAR 16
- 14 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2012
- 15 Any other business
- 16 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Notes:

1 In accordance with the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the MSC and MEPC and their subsidiary bodies (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.2 as amended):

- .1 documents should be received in the Secretariat as follows:
 - (a) documents (including information documents submitted in hard copy only) containing more than 6 pages of text (bulky documents), by **3 December 2010**;
 - (b) non-bulky documents (including information documents) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **31 December 2010**; and
 - (c) documents, containing 4 pages or less, commenting on those referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b)^{**} above, by **14 January 2011** (see also paragraph 4.10.5 of the Guidelines);

* In the case of:

- .1 documents exceeding the number of pages specified, the provisions of paragraph 4.10.1 of the Guidelines will apply; and
- .2 documents other than information documents, which contain more than 20 pages, C 104 decided that they will not be translated into all working languages in their entirety. Such documents should include, for translation purposes, a summary of the document not longer than four pages, with the technical content submitted as an annex in the language needed by working groups (e.g., English).

** MSC 87 agreed that paragraph (c) should also apply to documents indicated in paragraph (b).

- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
- (a) all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with the Guidelines;
 - (b) substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action the Committee is invited to take; and
 - (c) information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
- font: Arial;
 - font size: 11;
 - justification: full;
 - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.
- In this respect a template is available on the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents; and
- .4 to facilitate the processing of documents, they should be accompanied by a USB flash drive preferably in Microsoft Word, where available or sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word to IMO's e-mail address info@imo.org.

2 The MSC has recommended that the provisions of the above Guidelines, which, *inter alia*, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Governments or delegations, should be strictly observed.
