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To: All IMO Members
All Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974
United Nations and Specialized Agencies
International Organizations
Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status

Subject: **Intersessional meeting of an MSC Working Group on Long-range identification and tracking of ships (London, United Kingdom, 9 to 13 July 2007)**

1 Pursuant to the decisions of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its eighty-second session, the Secretary-General has the honour to invite representation at the intersessional meeting of an MSC Working Group on Long-range identification and tracking of ships (MSC/ISWG/LRIT), to be held from Monday, 9 to Friday, 13 July 2007 at the **International Coffee Organization**, 22 Berners Street, London W1T 3DD, United Kingdom. The meeting will commence at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 9 July 2007 and is expected to end on Friday, 13 July 2007.

2 The meeting will be conducted in English without interpretation.

3 The provisional agenda for the meeting is attached.

4 MSC 82 in December 2006 had considered the issue of long-range identification and tracking of ships and agreed that for the timely implementation of the Long-range identification and tracking (LRIT) system, there was a requirement for an intersessional MSC Working Group meeting on issues other than Engineering aspects of LRIT to be held between COMSAR 11 and MSC 83; and also approved the updated Road map (MSC 82/24, paragraphs 8.25 to 8.68 and annex 16). MSC 82 also instructed COMSAR 11 to consider LRIT issues, the currently outstanding ones being outlined in the COMSAR Sub-Committee's report (COMSAR 11/18, paragraphs 14.33 to 14.43 including annexes 18 and 19).

5 Documents to be submitted for consideration by the meeting should preferably reach the Secretariat not later than 6 July 2007 and will be circulated as and when received by the Secretariat.

Security at IMO Meetings

6 With reference to Circular letter No.2692 of 20 January 2006 concerning security at IMO meetings, all delegates are required to carry a specially-issued pass to gain access to IMO meetings.

7 Furthermore, delegates are required, on first arrival at IMO meetings, to show proof of their identity, e.g. passport or identity card.

8 Additionally, Member Governments, Intergovernmental Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations are required to transmit a list of their representatives to meetings prior to any meeting date, so that their particulars may be entered into the list of participants' database. In addition, a Pre-Registration Form (copy attached) should be completed for every delegate (including Permanent Representatives to IMO). The list, which serves as authorization for representatives to attend meetings, must be on official letter-headed paper and signed by the officer responsible. No representative will be registered without evidence of his/her authorization to attend the meeting.

9 Those delegates whose names appear in the list of a particular meeting will be issued with a requisite pass for entry to that meeting.

10 Those delegates whose names are not on the list will be requested to provide evidence of their authorization to attend the meeting.

11 Early arrival on the starting day of a meeting would be of assistance with registration services provided as from 8.00 a.m.

12 The Secretary-General would appreciate being informed, in due course, of the names of representatives, delegates and observers, as appropriate, intending to participate in the intersessional meeting of the working group.



INTERSESSIONAL MSC WORKING GROUP
ON LONG-RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND
TRACKING
2nd session
Agenda item 1

MSC/ISWG/LRIT 2/1
12 April 2007
ENGLISH ONLY

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the second session of the Intersessional MSC Working Group
on Long-range identification and tracking
to be held at the International Coffee Organization,
22 Berners Street, London W1T 3DD, United Kingdom
from Monday, 9 July to Friday, 13 July 2007**

Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 9 July 2007

- Opening of the meeting
- 1 Election of the Chairman
 - 2 Adoption of the agenda
 - 3 Consideration of issues for the timely establishment of the LRIT system
 - 4 Any other business
 - 5 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

