

**6<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE IMO SUB-COMMITTEE ON NAVIGATION,  
COMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE**

**London, United Kingdom, 16 - 25 January**

<b>Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2019</b>	
Task 1.1.8.4	Maintain relationship with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), including Attendance of NCSR-SC meeting

The Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) is a subordinate body of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The 6<sup>th</sup> session of the Sub-Committee (NCSR 6) was held at the IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom from 16 to 25 January 2019. The IHO was represented by Director Abri Kampfer, Assistant Director David Wyatt, Mr Peter Doherty, the Chair of the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee (WWNWS-SC), and Mr Christopher Janus, Branch Chief, NGA Maritime Watch - NAVAREA IV/XII. Several representatives of Hydrographic Offices also attended the meeting as a member of their national delegation.



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NCSR 6 approved the draft MSC circular on the Procedure for the submission of documents containing proposals for the establishment of, or amendments to, ship's routing systems or ship reporting systems, in addition two routing measures and three precautionary areas were approved, all of which will be forwarded to the MSC for adoption at its 101<sup>st</sup> session (MSC 101) in June 2019. The Sub-Committee invited interested parties to verify the modifications to one routing measure and submit comments to MSC 101. The Sub-Committee received reports from the Chair of the IMO NAVTEX Panel and the Chair of the IHO WWNWS-SC reported on the activities of the sub-committee.





With respect to navigation matters, the NCSR 6 approved the draft MSC resolution on amendments to MSC.191(79) on *Performance standards for the presentation of navigation-related information on shipborne navigational displays*, which included an expanded appendix of S-mode Guidelines. The Sub-Committee approved the draft SN.1/Cir.243/Rev.2 on *Guidelines for the presentation of navigation-related symbols, terms and abbreviations*. The NCSR 6 approved the draft MSC circular on *Initial descriptions of Maritime Services in the context of e-navigation*, which included an annex containing all the draft descriptions submitted by coordinating bodies to date. The Sub-Committee approved the draft MSC circular on *Guidance for navigation and communication equipment intended for use on ships operating in polar waters*. All these drafts will be submitted to MSC 101 for the Committee’s approval and subsequent adoption.

In regard to Communications and Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) matters, the Sub-Committee approved the re-establishment of a Correspondence Group on the modernization of the GMDSS, taking into account the progress on the revision of SOLAS chapters III and IV and on the related and consequential amendments to existing instruments other than SOLAS. The Sub-Committee invited Member States and international organizations to submit

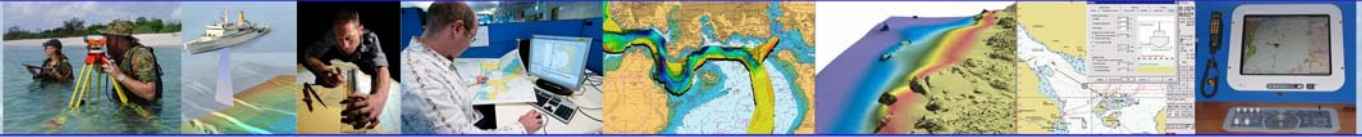


**IHO and WMO delegations at IMO NCSR 6**

proposals to a subsequent session to address the issues related to monitoring of Enhanced Group Call (EGC) messages in a multi-provider environment. The NCSR 6 approved revisions to the SafetyNET Manual related to the recognition of the Fleet Safety service and for these revisions to be issued as interim guidance in a MSC circular. The Sub-Committee approved the proposed amendments to resolutions A.705(17), as amended, – *Recommendation on promulgation of Maritime Safety Information*,

A.706(17), as amended, – *World-Wide Navigation Warning Service*, and A.1051(27) – *IMO/WMO worldwide met-ocean information and warning service guidance document* – subject to final consideration of some text at MSC 101 before final approval and adoption. The Sub-Committee approved the revised Terms of Reference for the International SafetyNET Coordinating Panel and agreed to the re-naming of the Panel to become the IMO Enhanced Group Call (EGC) Coordinating Panel, in line with the current IMO NAVTEX Coordinating Panel. The NCSR 6 approved the draft revisions the terms of reference for the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IMO/ITU Experts Group, which is planned to be held at the IMO 8 to 12 July 2019, and the draft IMO position on relevant World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (WRC-19) agenda items.





Mr Ringo Lakeman, Netherlands, and Mr Nigel Clifford, New Zealand, were re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Sub-Committee for its seventh session (NCSR 7) scheduled to be held at the IMO Headquarters from 15 to 24 January 2020. The full report of NCSR 6 (NCSR 6/23) will be available on the IMODOCS website (<https://webaccounts.imo.org/>) when issued.