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IALA STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE (VTS) PERSONNEL

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000), recalled that the 1995 Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers had adopted resolution 10, which invited the Organization to consider developing provisions covering *inter alia* the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel.

2 The Committee also recalled resolution A.857(20) on Guidelines for vessel traffic services, which includes guidelines on recruitment, qualifications and training of VTS operators and, having noted the development by IALA of Recommendation V-103 and its associated model courses, approved MSC/Circ.952 inviting Member Governments, pending the development, by the Organization, of additional provisions covering the training and certification of vessel traffic service personnel, to bring the IALA Recommendation and model courses to the attention of their VTS authorities to use when considering the training and certification of VTS personnel.

3 Since the adoption of MSC/Circ.952, the package of model courses has been completed and the following model courses have now been published:

- Model Course V-103/1 VTS Operator
- Model Course V-103/2 VTS Supervisor
- Model Course V-103/3 On-the-Job Training (VTS Operator and VTS Supervisor)
- Model Course V-103/4 VTS On-the-Job Training Instructor

4 Member Governments are invited to bring the IALA model courses to the attention of their VTS authorities, training institutes responsible for the training of VTS personnel and any other parties concerned.