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GUIDELINES FOR UNIFORM OPERATING LIMITATIONS ON HIGH-SPEED CRAFT

Outcome of DE 51

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of DE 51 on Guidelines for uniform operating limitations on high-speed craft
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	5.2
<i>High-level action:</i>	5.2.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	5.2.1.2
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related document:</i>	DE 51/28, section 13

Outcome of DE 51

1 DE 51 considered the report of the correspondence group submitted by Australia (DE 51/13), attaching draft Guidelines for uniform operating limitations of high-speed craft and identifying issues needing further discussion, including whether the sea state permitted under the operating limitations could be greater than that in which a marine evacuation system had satisfactorily completed the heavy weather sea trial; the extent to which extrapolation of operating limitations should be permitted beyond the outcome of satisfactory trials; and application of the guidelines to existing craft and existing services.

2 DE 51 supported the draft Guidelines prepared by the correspondence group in principle, but agreed that further work was necessary, in particular concerning a consistent application of operating limits for different wave heights and sea trials at lower wave heights and subsequent extrapolation of wave heights.

3 In view of the fact that the three contributing sub-committees will all meet after DE 51 and bearing in mind the target completion date of 2009, DE 51 agreed to follow the course of action proposed by the correspondence group and re-established the group with the following terms of reference:

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- .1 to finalize the draft Guidelines for uniform operating limitations of high-speed craft, considering in particular, the outstanding issues identified in the report of the correspondence group (DE 51/13) and taking into account the comments made in plenary;
- .2 to incorporate the contributions provided by COMSAR 12, SLF 51 and NAV 54 in the draft Guidelines, as appropriate; and
- .3 to submit a report to DE 52.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the above information and take action as appropriate.
