



Ref. T2/4.2

MSC/Circ.952
30 May 2000

**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 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 Assembly resolution A.857(20), Guidelines for vessel traffic services which includes guidelines on recruitment, qualifications and training of VTS operators.

3 The Committee, having noted the development by IALA of Recommendation V-103 and its associated model courses:

V-103/1 VTS Operators;

V-103/2 VTS Supervisor; and

V-103/3 On-the-job training,

invited 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 when considering the training and certification of VTS personnel.