

Revision of the ITR requirements concerning accounting authorities

4.11 The group considered the issue of revision of the International Telecommunications Regulations (ITR) concerning possible changes to accounting authority provisions, taking into account document COMSAR 16/4/2 (United States), in particular, the proposal by some ITU Member States to delete appendix 2, which might affect the non-distress safety and safety-related worldwide communications capabilities of the GMDSS, including ships, coastal stations and land-earth stations.

4.12 The group was of the opinion that the above-mentioned proposal to be considered by the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) at its next session from 3 to 14 December 2012 would have certain implications for IMO. There were two different views on the problem:

1. some considered that the deletion of appendix 2 was acceptable, considering that it was a commercial problem and that it would be sufficient to have ITU-T recommendations (D.90 and D.95) in force; and
2. some other delegations (especially from Member States that still had a commercial service) considered it necessary to retain this appendix.

4.13 The group agreed to invite the Sub-Committee to recommend to Member States to consider carefully the proposal whether to delete or not delete appendix 2 of the ITR, to be discussed during WCIT in December 2012.

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Outcome of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2012 (WRC-12)

4.14 The group considered the outcome of WRC-12 taking into account document COMSAR 16/4/5 (Secretariat), and in view of the importance of the issue and the insufficient time available to analyse it properly, the group decided to invite the Sub-Committee to send it to the eighth session of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Radiocommunication Matters.

Terms of Reference for the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Radiocommunication Matters

4.15 Taking into account the advice from the Drafting Group on the finalization of the scoping exercise, the group considered the number of days to be allocated to the eighth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Radiocommunication Matters, at IMO Headquarters, in London, provisionally scheduled to take place during the week from 8 to 12 October 2012. The group considered it necessary to have a five-day meeting, since the Experts Group had to:

- .1 start the preparation of an IMO position on maritime issues for WRC-15, and in particular to:
 - .1 analyse the outcome of WRC-12 in line with the IMO position submitted to the Conference;