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**MASTER PLAN OF SHORE-BASED FACILITIES FOR  
THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM  
(GMDSS MASTER PLAN)**

1 The Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR), at its third session (29 February to 4 March 2016), agreed to the development of a new module of the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) to facilitate the communication of information to the Organization on shore-based facilities for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), as required under SOLAS regulation IV/5. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its ninety-seventh session (21 to 25 November 2016), endorsed the development of the new GISIS module to replace the existing GMDSS.1 circulars on the Master plan of shore-based facilities for the GMDSS (GMDSS Master Plan).

2 The NCSR Sub-Committee, at its sixth session (16 to 25 January 2019), noted that the new GISIS module on the GMDSS Master Plan had been completed, including the migration process of the information contained in the annexes of GMDSS.1/Circ.22, and invited Member States to verify the accuracy of the information migrated into the new GISIS module and to update the information before the content was released to all registered Public Account holders.<sup>1</sup>

3 As from 28 February 2019, all information related to shore-based facilities for the GMDSS communicated to the Organization is available to all registered Public Account holders through the new GISIS module on the GMDSS Master Plan.

4 The information contained in the GMDSS Master Plan GISIS module is similarly structured as the GMDSS Master Plan in previous GMDSS.1 circulars (annexes 1 to 12). The module is divided into 12 sections, as follows:

- .1 Status of facilities;<sup>2</sup>
- .2 Sea Area A1 (within range of shore-based VHF DSC coverage);
- .3 Sea Area A2 (within range of shore-based MF DSC coverage);
- .4 Sea Areas A3 and A4 (outside sea area A2);

<sup>1</sup> Any member of the public who is registered with an IMO Web account.

<sup>2</sup> This section provides a summary of all entries under other sections.

- .5 Inmarsat facilities;
- .6 Coordination Centres (RCCs) using Inmarsat Ship Earth Stations (SESS);
- .7 NAVTEX Service;<sup>3</sup>
- .8 International SafetyNET Service;<sup>3</sup>
- .9 HF Narrow Band Direct Printing (NBDP) MSI Broadcast Service;
- .10 Cospas-Sarsat MCC and LUT;
- .11 EPIRB Registration Data; and
- .12 Contact Points for Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).<sup>4</sup>

5 Additional functionalities to download or export the information contained in different sections are currently under development and will be available in due course.

6 Member States are invited to review and update the information directly in the new GISIS module, as and when changes occur. In accordance with Circular Letter No.2892, nominated IMO Web Accounts administrators of Member States can authorize users within their Administration as GMDSS module managers who will be the only person(s) authorized to make changes, update and submit information, after 28 February 2019.

7 Member States are also invited to bring the information in this circular to the attention of all parties concerned.

8 This circular supersedes GMDSS.1/Circ.22 issued on 30 July 2018.

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<sup>3</sup> An additional verification process is required before any changes to the information contained in this section become visible to registered Public Account holders.

<sup>4</sup> This section has been retitled to accommodate general GMDSS-related contact information.