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**RESOLUTION 366 (WRC-23)**

**Improving the utilization and channelization of maritime radiocommunication  
in the MF and HF bands, including potential revisions  
to Article 52 and Appendix 17**

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Dubai, 2023),

*considering*

- a)* that the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) has finalized studies to remove narrowband direct-printing (NBDP) frequencies for distress and safety communications from Article **5** and Appendices **15** and **17**;
- b)* that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) decided to remove NBDP for distress and safety communications from the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) in MF and HF bands;
- c)* that ITU-R has finalized studies on the implementation of the automatic connection system (ACS) using digital selective calling (DSC) in MF and HF maritime mobile frequency bands;
- d)* that the implementation of the ACS will ensure simple and reliable access to the required radio links for ship stations;
- e)* that IMO has implemented the ACS in performance standards for shipborne MF and MF/HF radio installations for GMDSS,

*recognizing*

- a)* that Article **52** identifies frequencies and channelling arrangements in the MF band in some Regions;
- b)* that Appendix **17** identifies frequencies and channelling arrangements in the HF bands for the maritime mobile service (MMS);
- c)* that some HF bands lack channels in Appendix **17** for inter-ship operation;
- d)* that the implementation of the ACS may require revision of Article **52** and Appendix **17** channel plans for more working channels on an international basis,

*noting*

- a)* that this conference reviewed MF and HF bands in Article **5** and Appendices **15** and **17** to remove NBDP frequencies for distress and safety communications;

b) that this conference reviewed MF and HF bands in Article **5** and Appendix **17** to introduce the ACS;

c) that there is no global inter-ship channel in the MF band, and some HF bands lack channels for inter-ship operation in Appendix **17**,

*resolves to invite the ITU Radiocommunication Sector to complete in time for the 2031 world radiocommunication conference*

studies on possible revisions to the Article **52** and Appendix **17** channel plans to identify additional working channels on an international basis to improve the use of maritime radiocommunication in the MF and HF bands,

*invites the 2031 world radiocommunication conference*

to consider, based on the results of studies, possible revisions to the Article **52** and Appendix **17** channel plans in the maritime mobile MF and HF bands to improve use and efficiency,

*invites administrations*

to participate actively in the studies described in *resolves to invite the ITU Radiocommunication Sector to complete in time for the 2031 world radiocommunication conference* and provide the information required for the studies by submitting contributions to ITU-R,

*invites relevant international organizations*

to participate actively in the studies by providing requirements and information that should be taken into account in ITU-R studies,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to bring this Resolution to the attention of IMO and other international and regional organizations concerned.