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| Agenda item 1.11 |

1.11to consider possible regulatory actions to support the modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and the implementation of e‑navigation, in accordance with Resolution **361 (Rev.WRC‑19)**;

Proposals

ARTICLE 32

Operational procedures for distress communications in the
global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS)     (WRC‑07)

Section I − General

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32.1 § 1 Distress communications rely on the use of terrestrial MF, HF and VHF radiocommunications and communications using satellite techniques. Distress communications shall have absolute priority over all other transmissions. The following terms apply:

*a)* The distress alert is a digital selective call (DSC) using a distress call format, in the bands used for terrestrial radiocommunication, or a distress message format, in which case it is relayed through space stations.

*b)* The distress call is the initial voice.

*c)* The distress message is the subsequent voice.

*d)* The distress alert relay is a DSC transmission on behalf of another station.

*e)* The distress call relay is the initial voice for a station not itself in distress.     (WRC‑23)

**Reasons:** Narrow-band direct printing (NBDP) telegraphy is no longer used for distress communications within the GMDSS. Method A for Issue A on agenda item 1.11 in the CPM Report contains a number of similar proposals to remove NBDP, but No. **32.1** of the Radio Regulations is not considered yet.

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