RECOMMENDATION 316 (REV.WRC-19)

Use of ship earth stations within harbours and other waters under national jurisdiction

The World Radiocommunication Conference (Sharm el-Sheikh, 2019),

recognizing

that permitting the use of ship earth stations within harbours and other waters under national jurisdiction belongs to the sovereign right of countries concerned,

recalling

that a number of frequency bands have been allocated to the mobile-satellite service and maritime mobile-satellite service and can be used for maritime-related communications via ship earth stations,

considering

a) that the maritime mobile-satellite service, which is at present in operation worldwide, has improved maritime communications greatly and has contributed much to the safety and efficiency of ship navigation, and that fostering and developing the use of that service in future will contribute further to their improvement;

b) that the maritime mobile-satellite service plays an important role in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS),

recommends

that all administrations should permit, to the extent possible, ship earth stations to operate within harbours and other waters under national jurisdiction, in the frequency bands used for the GMDSS.