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### Agenda Item 1

**VENUE: 2, Deribasovskaya str., Conference Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor,**

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening and welcoming remarks.  
Introduction of participants, approval of the Agenda.
2. SAR Facilities and Capabilities/SAR Statistics/False Alert Statistics.
3. Country Status Reports.
4. SAR Data Provider/ SAR Co-operation Index for Passenger Ships/ Plan for Co-operation between SAR Services and Passenger Ships (according to the SOLAS Regulation V/7.3. and IMO MSC/Circ. 1079).
5. Country Passengers Exercises Report.

6. BS MRCC WEB portal.
7. Elaboration of the Plan of International Exercises.
8. Joint BS SAR Plan project.
9. Emblem of the Black Sea SAR Conference.
10. Place and Provisional Agenda for the 10th SAR Conference.
11. Other Business.
12. Review of the Conference Report.

## **PROPOSALS OF DELEGATIONS**

### **Bulgaria**

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Agenda Item 8. Bulgaria presented the draft emblem of the Black Sea SAR Conference. All delegations are welcome to discuss and propose their comments.

### **Georgia**

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Agenda Item 5. Georgia presented the concept of the BS MRCC WEB Portal. All delegations are welcome to discuss and propose their comments.

### **Romania**

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Agenda Item 2.

1. Romania will maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16 in the Black Sea for the needs of fishing vessels and small craft which fall outside the requirements of the SOLAS Convention.
2. All Black Sea Coastal Countries are invited to note that, at MRCC's request, the Romanian Ministry of Transport SAR facilities, listed above, may be supplemented with forces and facilities of the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform, according to the provisions of the "Cooperation Plan on unitary search and rescue intervention, in case of emergency, within the littoral area and on the sea", and with helicopters from the Regional Air Service Company, according to the protocol signed between both parts, Romania Naval Authority and Regional Air Service Company.

## **Russian Federation**

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Agenda Item 2.

Russia proposes to use preventive steps to improve the situation reduce the number of false distress alerts:

1. MRCC or MRSC determines the source of the false distress alert – causes, ship's name, flag, ship's owner, destination port and so on.
2. MRCC or MRSC informs the Harbour master of the ship's port of call regarding false alert received and kindly asks him to inform Port State Control or Flag State Control (depending on ship's flag) to inspect the vessel and clarify the causes of false alert transmitted.
3. Safety management system (SMS) should have contingency measures to prevent false alerting. It might be frequent "on board" trainings, "pre-boarding" familiarization of officers, in case of false alert have been transmitted and measures to cancel that alert aren't been made, the responsibility to pass intermediate survey of radio equipment, by classification society, lay out on owner or operator of the ship. So if intermediate survey of radio equipment wasn't conducted – the Company should pass ISM survey to extend validity the Document of Compliance (DoC). Of course the investigation of false alerting have to be made to find out reason, then this case should be written as non-conformity and preventive and corrective measures should be issued by DPA. Thus it would be clear for Surveyors of classification society that problem exists and crew and owner are both trying to do the best.

MRCC Novorossiysk and MRSC Taman has had a good experience of the above (No.1 & No.2) proposed preventive steps, but Step No.3 must involve IMO co-ordination. Probably some amendments should be issued by MSC to the mandatory requirements of circulars or even resolution.

Russia proposes to spread our experience at Black and Azov Seas and to raise it at international level.

If we wish to reduce the false alerts quantity – we should cooperate with our Black and Azov Seas neighbors. Russia is ready to continue this work.

## **Turkey**

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Agenda Item 2.

1. Turkey requests that a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16 should be continued in the Black Sea for the needs of fishing vessels and small craft which fall outside the requirements of the SOLAS Convention.
2. All Black Sea Coastal Countries are invited to note that variety of fixed wing SAR aircrafts and SAR helicopters of Turkish Army Forces are deployed across the Black Sea Coast, covering all of the Turkish SAR Region and beyond.

## Ukraine

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1. Agenda Item 2. Ukraine continues to keep the continuous listening watch on Channel 16 along the coastal line by its VHF radio stations.
2. Agenda Item 8. Taking into account the fact that training is essential for all MRCC's personnel to be able to fulfill their duties in a maritime search and rescue system and well structured meaningful training is the key to a successful response to any maritime emergency and also that IMO seeks an opportunity to co-ordinate the courses with the recommendations given in the TNA report, Ukraine proposes to apply to IMO to include into the IMO SAR Training in the Black Sea the possibility to hold the OSC Regional Training Course for the Black Sea countries in 2013. Ukraine is ready to organize such course in Odessa if other delegations support this proposal.