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**Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG**

Proposal for new INT abbreviation: MRCC (Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre)

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<b>Executive Summary:</b>	An INT abbreviation “MRCC” (Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre) is needed for a better identification by all users for functions defined internationally in the GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System).
<b>Related Documents:</b>	/
<b>Related Projects:</b>	Update of INT abbreviations list

**Introduction / Background**

A French MRCC (Jobourg Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre) asks SHOM to use “Jobourg MRCC” (and “Jobourg VTS”) on charts instead the French name of this MRCC which is CROSS Jobours (CROSS : Centre Régional Opérationnel de Surveillance et de Sauvetage). The reason is a better identification by all users for functions defined internationally in the GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System).

**Analysis / Discussion**

There are different sorts of centres within the GMDSS organization:

MRCC: Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre

MRSC: Maritime Rescue co-ordination Sub-Centre (linked with MRCC)

JRCC: Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre (aeronautical and maritime RCC)

JRSC: Joint Rescue Sub-Center

The abbreviation RCC is also used but it can indicate an aeronautical Rescue Co-ordination Centre.

These abbreviations are official GMDSS abbreviations.

The abbreviation the most collectively known is MRCC. The others could be unknown by the users.

**Conclusions**

The abbreviation MRCC has then all the characteristics to be an INT abbreviation.

**Recommendations**

To adopt MRCC as an INT abbreviation. As “MRCC” would be generally a part of a name of a centre (ex: Jobourg MRCC) and not coastal function (as CG or SS), there is no need to add a new symbol using “MRCC” in INT1 section T.

**Justification and Impacts**

- better identification by all users for functions defined internationally in the GMDSS.

**Action required of CSPCWG**

The CSPCWG is invited to endorse the proposal to include MRCC in the INT abbreviations list for MS approval.