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**IMPLEMENTATION OF MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION (MSI)
BROADCASTS VIA SAFETYNET IN AREAS NOT COVERED BY NAVTEX**

The Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications, at its thirty-eighth session (18-22 January 1993), noted with concern that there is only one country, among those whose coasts are not covered by NAVTEX, which is currently providing broadcasts of coastal MSI via SafetyNET.

In this regard, the Sub-Committee recalled that the Organization has adopted, by means of the 1988 amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention concerning radiocommunications for the GMDSS and resolution A.705(17) - Promulgation of MSI, the International SafetyNET Service for transmission of MSI to ships in coastal waters not covered by NAVTEX.

The Sub-Committee noted that the carriage of a NAVTEX receiver becomes mandatory on 1 August 1993 for ships subject to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, which implies that Administrations should implement planned NAVTEX services by that date.

Governments are urged to implement broadcasts of MSI via the International SafetyNET Service in areas not covered by NAVTEX and to inform the Organization of their intentions in this regard.