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Subject: **LEG regulatory scoping exercise for the use of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships: commenting stage open for submissions**

1 The Legal Committee, at its 106th session, approved the framework for the LEG regulatory scoping exercise for the use of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), including the plan of work and procedures, and decided that the web platform developed for the purposes of the Maritime Safety Committee would be adopted to facilitate the LEG regulatory scoping exercise (LEG 106/16, annex 3, appendix 3).

2 The web platform on MASS is available as a module of the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS). The module can be accessed by all IMO Members* with a registered IMO web account.

3 In accordance with the approved plan of work and procedures, the initial review of instruments under the purview of the Legal Committee was completed on 31 May 2019. After this date and for a period of two months (i.e. until 31 July 2019 inclusive), the initial review of instruments will be open for comments by all IMO Members.

4 Additional guidance for the submission of comments is provided under the agreed plan of work and procedures (LEG 106/16, annex 3, appendix 3).

5 Member States, Associate Members, IGOs and NGOs in consultative status are invited to comment as appropriate.

6 Any questions regarding the commenting stage of the LEG regulatory scoping exercise should be directed to the following email address: LED@imo.org

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