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ITEM: 11

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## DRAFT UPDATED SOT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

*(Submitted by Graeme Ball (Australia))*

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### Summary and purpose of the document

This document provides information on the SOT Implementation Strategy, which is meant to provide an overall framework for the Team's work, and at the same time enable it and its members to react appropriately to future developments. The strategy elaborates on the rationale and plans for implementation of the ship fleets under SOT's responsibility in the foreseeable future. It particularly includes an overarching implementation plan, and a detailed implementation plan with clear objectives, and some performance targets.

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### ACTION PROPOSED

The Team will review the SOT implementation strategy, and discuss whether publishing an updated version will be necessary.

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**References:** First version of the SOT Implementation Strategy - JCOMM Technical Report No. 61  
[http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com\\_oe&task=viewDocumentRecord&docID=9936](http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewDocumentRecord&docID=9936)

**Appendices: A.** Draft updated SOT Implementation Strategy

**- A - DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REPORT**

11.1 The Team recalled that per SOT-7 discussion and decision a first version of the SOT Implementation Strategy was published on the JCOMM website<sup>1</sup> as JCOMM Technical Report No. 61. The document is meant to provide an overall framework for the Team's work, and at the same time enable it and its members to react appropriately to future developments. The strategy elaborates on the rationale and plans for implementation of the ship fleets under SOT's responsibility in the foreseeable future. It particularly includes an overarching implementation plan, and a detailed implementation plan with clear objectives, and some performance targets.

11.2 The Team reviewed a proposed revised version of the document, which included the following changes:

- SOT contribution to the WIGOS Implementation Plan (WIP), Section 2.3 and Annex XII added in this regard;
- Update of the SOT plan for migrating to Table Driven Codes (tables 4 and 5 in section 4.4);
- Update with regard to several contact points (Annexes II and VIII);
- Updated status maps (Annex VII);

11.3 The Team proposed some further adjustments, including:

- All ongoing actions arising from this meeting will be inserted in the implementation strategy;
- [Other changes to be possibly proposed by the Team].

11.4 The Team invited its members to send comments on the revised version of the implementation strategy to the SOT Chair and the Secretariat by 31 May 2015 (**action; SOT members; 31 May 2015**).

11.5 The Team then requested the SOT Chair to finalize the new version of the Strategy on behalf of the Team in consultation with the VOSP and SOOPIP chairs, the OPA Coordinator, the Task Team Chair, and the Secretariat. The goal is to post the second version of the strategy on the SOT and JCOMM websites by mid-2015 (**action; C. Marshall; 31 July 2015**).

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Appendix: 1

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com\\_oe&task=viewDocumentRecord&docID=9936](http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewDocumentRecord&docID=9936)

**APPENDIX A**

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[The document is provided in separate file available from the SOT-8 website<sup>2</sup>]

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