

FERNS

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REPORT on The Fifteenth Session of the Council of the Far East Radionavigation Service (FERNS)

1. Opening of the Session

1.1 The fifteenth session of the Council (FERNS 15) was held in Yalong Bay Mangrove Tree Hotel, Sanya, People's Republic of China, during the period 13 – 17 November 2006.

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Presentation of a Report by Each Country on the Loran-C/Chayka Programme

3.7 In the absence of Dr. Sally Basker the Loran programme of the General Lighthouse Authorities of the United Kingdom and Ireland (GLAs) was introduced by Norway (**CS 15/3/5**).

3.8 The Council noted the Report on the ILA 35th Annual Convention and Technical Symposium (**CS 15/3/7**) that was made by Prof. GUG Seung-Gi, Chairman of the FERNS Technical Working Group.

4. Operational matters for FERNS co-operating chains.

5. Technical matters for FERNS co-operating chains.

5.1 China (**CS 15/5/1**) reported on a test evaluation of TOE synchronisation control carried out at an operational Loran-C station in the China East Sea Chain during March 2006.

6. Co-ordination of other radionavigation services in the Far East.

7. Any other business.

8. Date and venue of the 16th session.

8.1 At the invitation of the Japan (**CS 15/8/1**) it was agreed that the 16th session of the Council will be convened in Japan in the autumn of 2007. Japan Coast Guard will determine the venue and specific dates for the meeting and inform members of FERNS at least four months before the meeting.

FERNS-WG meeting on e-LORAN from 26th Feb. to 1st March at JCG HQ.

CDR Merrill informed and explained US decisions process on e-loran.

Dr Basker and Ms. Selvik also joined WG meeting.