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| **Purpose/Objective:** The purpose of this document is to modify (by adding an annex) Rec. ITU-R M.1084-5 to facilitate the introduction of VHF digital voice communications technology in Appendix 18 of the Radio Regulations on a secondary basis. | |
| **Abstract:** Considering that Rec. ITU-R M.1084-5 is referred in “NOTE B” of RR Appendix 18, it is important to modify this note and the recommendation to facilitate the introduction of VHF digital voice communications technology in the VHF maritime mobile band. An additional footnote to the section “Notes referring to the Table” should be added to identify specific channels and the qualifying conditions for use of this technology on a secondary basis. | |