

Diplomatic Conference
on the Convention on the
International Organization for
Marine Aids to Navigation

**FINAL ACT OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
ON THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR
MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION**

1. The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), in its Resolution of 27 May 2014 in A Coruña, Spain, believing that international intergovernmental organization status would best facilitate IALA's aims into the future, determined that IALA should strive to achieve such status as soon as possible by supporting the development of an international convention.
2. The French Republic hosted the First Preparatory Diplomatic Conference in Paris on 18-19 April 2017, where the preparation of a consolidated text of a draft Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation began.
3. The Second Preparatory Diplomatic Conference took place in Marrakesh on 7-8 February 2018 hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco, followed by the Third Preparatory Diplomatic Conference in Istanbul on 12-14 March 2019 hosted by the Republic of Turkey, where the preparation of the consolidated text of a draft Convention continued.
4. The Third Preparatory Diplomatic Conference agreed that the prepared text of a draft Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation was sufficiently advanced for consideration at a Diplomatic Conference.
5. The Diplomatic Conference on the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation was held in Kuala Lumpur on 25-28 February 2020, following the kind invitation of the Government of Malaysia.
6. The following 52 countries were represented at the Diplomatic Conference by the following delegations:

ANGOLA
ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA
BELGIUM
BRAZIL
BULGARIA

JAPAN
KENYA
KOREA (Rep. of)
MALAYSIA
MEXICO
MOROCCO

CAMEROON	MOZAMBIQUE
CANADA	NETHERLANDS
CHINA	NORWAY
COTE D'IVOIRE	OMAN (Sultanate of)
COLOMBIA	PANAMA
DENMARK	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
ECUADOR	PERU
FIJI	PORTUGAL
FINLAND	ROMANIA
FRANCE	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
THE GAMBIA	SENEGAL
GEORGIA	SINGAPORE
GERMANY	SOMALIA
GREECE	SPAIN
GUINEA (Rep. of)	SWEDEN
ICELAND	TUNISIA
IRAN	TURKEY
IRELAND	UNITED KINGDOM
ITALY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JAMAICA	URUGUAY

7. The following countries participated as observers to the Diplomatic Conference:

AZERBAIJAN	JORDAN
CAMBODIA	PHILIPPINES
EGYPT	THAILAND
INDONESIA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
IRAQ	VIETNAM

8. The following intergovernmental organizations sent observers to the Diplomatic Conference:

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)
INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (IMSO)
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

9. The Diplomatic Conference was opened by Dato Jana Santhiran Muniayan, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ministry of Transport of Malaysia, and he welcomed the participants on behalf of the Government of Malaysia. The Secretary-General of IALA, Mr. Francis Zachariae, also welcomed the delegations and thanked the host country for its generous support.

10. The Diplomatic Conference elected Datuk Isham Ishak, the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Transport of Malaysia, as President of the Conference.

11. The Vice-Presidents elected by the Diplomatic Conference were:

Rear Admiral Marcos Almeida, Brazil; and
Mr Juan Francisco Rebollo, Spain

12. The Secretariat of the Diplomatic Conference consisted of the following officers:

Secretary-General: Mr. Francis Zachariae,
Secretary-General, IALA

Executive Secretary: Ms. Christina Schneider,
Chair of the Legal Advisory Panel, IALA

Deputy Executive Secretaries: Mr. Henning Osnes Teigene,
Vice-Chair of the Legal Advisory Panel, IALA

Ms. Audrey Guinault,
Secretariat, IALA

13. The Diplomatic Conference established a Committee of the Whole with the mandate to consider the draft Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, and any related recommendations and resolutions.

14. The Drafting Committee established by the Diplomatic Conference was composed of representatives of the following nine States:

CANADA
CHINA
MEXICO
MOROCCO
NORWAY
RUSSIAN FEDERATION
SINGAPORE
TURKEY
UNITED KINGDOM

15. A Credentials Committee was established to examine the credentials of representatives of the States attending the Diplomatic Conference. The Committee was composed of representatives of the following five States:

AUSTRALIA
CAMEROON
DENMARK
JAPAN
SPAIN

16. The officers elected for the Committees were as follows:

Committee of the Whole

Chair:	Ambassador Serge Ségura (France)
First Vice-Chair:	Mr. Mohamad Halim Bin Ahmed (Malaysia)
Second Vice-Chair:	Mr. Baris Kalkavan (Turkey)

Drafting Committee

Chair:	Mr. Øyvind Hernes (Norway)
Vice-Chair:	Ms. Angela Png (Singapore)

Credentials Committee

Chair:	Ms. Mary Dean (Australia)
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17. The Diplomatic Conference used as the basis of its work the draft Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation of March 2019, produced at the Third Preparatory Diplomatic Conference held in Istanbul on 12-14 March 2019.

18. As a result of its deliberations, recorded in the reports of the respective Committees and in the records of decisions of plenary meetings of the Diplomatic Conference and meetings of the Committee of the Whole, the Diplomatic Conference adopted the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, which constitutes attachment 1 of this Final Act.

19. The Diplomatic Conference also adopted the Resolution 1 on the languages of the Organization and the Resolution 2 on Preparation of the Convention and Signature which constitute attachment 2 of this Final Act.

20. This Final Act is established in a single original text in the English, French and Spanish languages and is deposited, including its attachments, with the French Republic.

21. The French Republic shall send certified copies of this Final Act and its attachments and certified copies of the authentic text of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, to the Governments of the States invited to be represented at the Diplomatic Conference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have affixed their signatures to this Final Act.

DONE AT Kuala Lumpur this twenty eighth day of February two thousand and twenty.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE

SECÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL DE LA CONFÉRENCE

SECRETARIO GENERAL DE LA CONFERENCIA

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE

SECÉTAIRE EXÉCUTIF DE LA CONFÉRENCE

SECRETARIO EJECUTIVO DE LA CONFERENCIA

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PRESIDENTE

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POUR L'ANGOLA:

POR ANGOLA:

FOR ARGENTINA:

POUR L'ARGENTINE:

POR ARGENTINA:

FOR AUSTRALIA:

POUR L'AUSTRALIE:

POR AUSTRALIA:

FOR BELGIUM:

POUR LA BELGIQUE:

POR BÉLGICA:

FOR BRAZIL:

POUR LE BRÉSIL:

POR BRASIL:

FOR BULGARIA:

POUR LA BULGARIE:

POR BULGARIA:

FOR CAMEROON:

POUR LE CAMEROUN:

POR CAMERÚN:

FOR CANADA:

POUR LE CANADA:

POR CANADÁ:

FOR CHINA:

POUR LA CHINE:

POR CHINA:

FOR COLOMBIA:

POUR LA COLOMBIE:

POR COLOMBIA:

FOR COTE D'IVOIRE:

POUR LA CÔTE D'IVOIRE:

POR COTE D'IVOIRE:

FOR DENMARK:

POUR LE DANEMARK:

POR DINAMARCA:

FOR ECUADOR:

POUR L'ÉQUATEUR:

POR ECUADOR:

FOR FIJI:

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FOR FINLAND:

POUR LA FINLANDE:

POR FINLANDIA:

FOR FRANCE:

POUR LA FRANCE:

POR FRANCIA:

FOR THE GAMBIA:

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FOR GEORGIA:

POUR LA GÉORGIE:

POR GEORGIA:

FOR GERMANY:

POUR L'ALLEMAGNE:

POR ALEMANIA:

FOR GREECE:

POUR LA GRÈCE:

POR GRECIA:

FOR GUINEA (Rep of):

POUR LA GUINÉE (République de):

POR GUINEA (Rep de):

FOR ICELAND:

POUR L'ISLANDE:

POR ISLANDIA:

FOR IRAN:

POUR L'IRAN:

POR IRÁN:

FOR IRELAND:

POUR L'IRLANDE:

POR IRLANDA:

FOR ITALY:

POUR L'ITALIE:

POR ITALIA:

FOR JAMAICA:

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FOR JAPAN:

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POR JAPÓN:

FOR KENYA:

POUR LE KENYA:

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POR MALASIA:

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POUR LE MEXIQUE:

POR MÉXICO:

FOR MOZAMBIQUE:

POUR LE MOZAMBIQUE:

POR MOZAMBIQUE:

FOR NETHERLANDS:

POUR LES PAYS-BAS:

POR PAÍSES BAJOS:

FOR NORWAY:

POUR LA NORVÈGE:

POR NORUEGA:

FOR OMAN (Sultanate of):

POUR OMAN (Sultanat de):

POR OMÁN (Sultanato de):

FOR PANAMA:

POUR LE PANAMA:

POR PANAMÁ:

FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

POUR LA PAPOUASIE NOUVELLE GUINÉE:

POR PAPUA NUEVA GUINEA:

FOR PERU:

POUR LE PÉROU:

POR PERU:

FOR PORTUGAL:

POUR LE PORTUGAL:

POR PORTUGAL:

FOR ROMANIA:

POUR LA ROUMANIE:

POR RUMANIA:

FOR RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

POUR LA FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE:

POR LA FEDERACIÓN DE RUSIA:

FOR SENEGAL:

POUR LE SÉNÉGAL:

POR SENEGAL:

FOR SINGAPORE:

POUR SINGAPOUR:

POR SINGAPUR:

FOR SOMALIA:

POUR LA SOMALIE:

POR SOMALIA:

FOR SPAIN:

POUR L'ESPAGNE:

POR ESPAÑA:

FOR SWEDEN:

POUR LA SUÈDE:

POR SUECIA:

FOR TUNISIA:

POUR LA TUNISIE:

POR TUNEZ:

FOR TURKEY:

POUR LA TURQUIE:

POR TURQUÍA:

FOR UNITED KINGDOM:

POUR LE ROYAUME-UNI:

POR REINO UNIDO:

FOR URUGUAY:

POUR L'URUGUAY:

POR URUGUAY: