

1st General Assembly
International Organization for
Marine Aids to Navigation



18-21 February 2025
Singapore

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Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Convention, Article 6.2 there shall be a President and a Vice President of the Organization. The President or in case of the President's absence, the Vice President shall chair the General Assembly and the Council.

The General Assembly is required, in accordance with the Convention, Article 7.7(a), to elect the President and Vice President from amongst Member States in accordance with the General Regulations.

The preparation for the General Assembly including the declaration of candidatures is organized in line with the transitional arrangements of the Convention and consequently, by application of the General Regulations of the International Organization of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities mutatis mutandis.

The approval of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the Organization will be conducted before the election of the President and Vice President. Consequently, the election of the President and the Vice President will be organized based on the newly approved General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the Organization. Below the presumed election procedure is explained, based on the final draft of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations submitted to the General Assembly as input paper GA01-b.1.2 and to be approved by the General Assembly before the elections.

Election Procedure (draft General Regulations Art. 4)

4.3 A vote to elect first the President and second the Vice President from among the candidate Member States will be conducted by secret ballot.

4.4 The Secretariat shall produce a ballot form for candidacies for the Presidency and Vice Presidency and each Member State shall have one vote for each position.



4.5 The Chair shall appoint two scrutineers from amongst the Member States who are not candidates for either of the positions, who shall proceed to scrutinize the votes cast and the counting of votes by the Secretariat.

4.6 The candidate winning a simple majority of votes will be elected. When several candidates compete for the position, and no candidate obtains a simple majority of votes, rounds of votes will be conducted, to eliminate each time, the candidate with fewest votes each time. [Should a simple majority not be possible due to an equal division of votes amongst the remaining two candidates for two subsequent ballots the Chair will draw by lot the Member State who will be elected.]

Member States seeking election

The Secretary-General has in accordance with the Circular Letter IGO 01/2024 of 22 August 2024 invited interested Member States to submit their candidature for President or Vice President until 17 December 2024. All declared candidatures for President and Vice President have been circulated among Member States by uploading them under the dedicated website for the General Assembly on 18 December 2024.

2. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is requested to take note of the explanations regarding the candidatures for President and Vice President and the presumed election procedure.



ANNEX

Communications received in accordance with the Circular Letter IGO 01/2024 of 22 August 2024 from the following Member States in alphabetic order in English language:

Brazil

India