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Dear Secretary-General,

As an island nation, we are reliant on shipping for many of the imports and exports needed to meet our primary necessities. We understood at an early juncture the vital importance of marine aids to navigation and our long history of delivery has given us a deep understanding of what works. We have also learned from our failures in what remains one of the most challenging of environments. The UK has pioneered many marine aids to navigation innovations but has always appreciated the value of collaborative working at an international level to drive further improvements in performance and make our seas and oceans as safe as possible for mariners and the protection of the environment.

We hosted the first International Lighthouse Conference in 1919 in London and the UK was one of the first States to accede to the International Convention demonstrating our continued strong support and commitment to the delivery of IALA's aim and objectives. I appreciate the journey to transition to an inter-governmental organisation has been a long one. I cannot overestimate the importance of your role as Secretary-General in piloting the organisation successfully to its new status. I am delighted to have been appointed as the UK Head of Delegation to IALA and look forward to meeting you in Singapore in February.

In accordance with Article 8(3) of the Convention on the International Organization of Marine Aids to Navigation and Article 3.5.1 of the IALA General Regulations, I also have the honour to inform you that I have been authorised to present the United Kingdom, as a State party to the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA), as a candidate for election to the IALA Council at the General Assembly in Singapore in February 2025.

The attached statement sets out the background to this nomination.

Should the United Kingdom be elected, it will be represented at Council meetings by:

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Rear Admiral Lower would be representing the United Kingdom in his capacity as Chief Executive of Trinity House, the General Lighthouse Authority for England, Wales, the Channel Islands and Gibraltar.

Commodore Mike Bullock would be representing the United Kingdom in his capacity as Chief Executive of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the General Lighthouse Authority for Scotland and the Isle of Man.

We are grateful to IALA for recognising the UK's arrangements and the importance of ensuring that, if the UK is elected to the Council, both Trinity House and the Northern Lighthouse Board, as our experts on the provision and development of marine aids to navigation are recognised as our representatives.

The forthcoming General Assembly will complete the transition to an inter-governmental organisation by appointing a new Council and ensuring that all the necessary personnel and organs are in place to drive its vital mission forward.

We look forward to working with IALA at all levels to ensure we can continue to build on its significant successes to date.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Member State,

UK Nomination for IALA Council

I am pleased to inform you that the United Kingdom (UK), in its capacity as a Member State of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA), submits its candidature for appointment to the IALA Council for the period 2025-2028 at the elections to be held during the General Assembly in Singapore in February 2025.

The UK, through its General Lighthouse Authorities, was a founding member of IALA at its creation in 1957. As an island nation with some of the busiest waters in the world, we understand the vital importance of marine aids to navigation to underpin the safety of all mariners and protection of the environment. We have a long history of development and innovation in this area and have supported our international partners in IALA to deliver its many significant achievements to date.

We have continued this strong commitment to the delivery of IALA's aim and objectives through our active participation at all levels of the organisation. We were honoured to be appointed as a Council member in 2023, to continue our role as Treasurer and to chair, or vice-chair, many of the Committees and Subsidiary Bodies as well as serving on the Board of the World-Wide Academy. We have also provided significant legal and risk management advice and guidance supporting IALA's successful transition to become an inter-governmental organisation.

The pace of change in the shipping industry is accelerating with new technologies representing both challenges and opportunities for marine aids to navigation. More than ever, it is vital that we work together in partnership through IALA, to develop practical and cost-effective international solutions.

The UK remains a strong, and active, supporter of IALA at all levels and would appreciate your vote for its candidature to the IALA Council to enable us to drive further, and continuous, improvement in safety.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Whyte
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