

**CANDIDATURE FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY-
GENERAL FOR IALA**

Dear esteemed members of the IALA general assembly,


The Danish government extends its compliments to the respected members of the International Organisation for Marine Aids to Navigation, IALA.

It is with great honour that the Danish government submits the candidature of Mr. Francis Zachariae for the position of Secretary-General. Mr. Zachariae's leadership during IALA's transition from a NGO to an IGO has been instrumental, just as his work has significantly contributed to the streamlining and professionalization of IALA as an organisation. Additionally, Mr. Zachariae is poised to play a crucial role in modernising data standardisation and harmonisation efforts, in order to ensure efficient exchange between shore and ship, which will enhance safety and reduce burdens for the maritime industry. His continued leadership as Secretary-General would ensure continuity and stability as the new organisation establishes its foundation, while also facilitating the effective implementation of our long-term objectives in promoting safe, efficient, and sustainable marine navigation.

Attached to this letter, you will find Mr. Zachariae's curriculum vitae, detailing his extensive professional experience. His previous tenure as Secretary-General of IALA and the strong leadership skills he has acquired throughout his distinguished international career, positions him as an ideal candidate to further strengthen IALA's role as a global leader in marine navigation.

Enclosures: Note verbale and curriculum vitae, 3 pages

Yours sincerely,



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