

**1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly**  
International Organization for  
Marine Aids to Navigation



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## **b– Approval of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations**

### ***b.1.1– Explanatory note***

#### **Approval of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the Organization - Explanatory note**

#### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with No. 4 of the transitional arrangements of the Convention, the Organization shall function according to the General Regulations of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities *mutatis mutandis* until the Organization has adopted General Regulations.

The draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations have been developed in line with the draft Convention and have been input papers to all the pre-diplomatic Conferences and the final Diplomatic Conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2022. Since the third pre-diplomatic Conference in Istanbul the draft of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations was no longer discussed but submitted as an input paper. The Secretariat adapted the draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations according to the final Convention text after the Diplomatic Conference.

After the Convention was closed for signatures in January 2022 and several States have either ratified or acceded to the Convention a Conference was held in November 2023 in Tokyo to develop the draft General Regulations of the Organization to a final draft ready for adoption by the first General Assembly of the IGO. Signature States and Member States of the Organization and national members of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities were invited to Tokyo.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Conference in Tokyo agreed on a final draft of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations. As agreed, the Secretariat went through the document afterwards to do the necessary “legal scrubbing” especially regarding the numbering of the document.

In the final report of the Tokyo Conference (page 9 of 29) it was agreed to introduce a draft Resolution to the General Assembly addressing the delegation of responsibilities from the General Assembly to the Council related to the suspension, reinstatement and termination of membership rights and the membership status for Associate members. A more detailed note on the issue is introduced to the General Assembly under b.1.4 “Note on suspension and reinstatement of membership rights for Associate Members” and a draft Resolution is included under b.1.5. “Resolution on the delegation of responsibility from the General Assembly to the Council”.



The draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations contain two square brackets where the Conference in Tokyo could not find consensus.

- a) the drawing of lots to break a tie-vote, Article 4.5, 5.6 and 6.5
- b) to conduct a virtual vote of the General Assembly and the Council, Article 3.22 and 7.21

#### **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO**

The General Assembly is requested to approve the General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the Organization.