

1st General Assembly
International Organization for
Marine Aids to Navigation



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Singapore

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Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

The General Assembly is required, in accordance with the Convention Article 7.7(d) and 8, to elect the Council from amongst the Member States other than the Member States holding the Presidency or Vice Presidency.

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 Council. Consequently, the election of the Council 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 as 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. 5)

5.3 A vote to elect Council members other than the President and the Vice President from among candidates will be conducted by secret ballot.

5.4 The Secretariat shall produce a ballot form for candidates for the Council and each Member State shall have one vote for each vacant seat on the Council.

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

5.6 If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes for the last seat or seats to be filled, there shall be a further ballot from among these candidates only. [Should the votes again be divided equally between more than two candidates, the Chair shall draw by lot the candidate to be eliminated in any subsequent ballots. Should the votes again be divided



equally between two candidates for the last seat to be filled, the Chair shall draw by lot the candidate who will be elected to the Council.]

5.7 When voting and counting are completed the Chair shall confirm the election and invite the newly elected Council members to take up their duties.

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 the Council 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.

Candidatures received after 17 December 2024 are in line with Article 3.5.2 of the General Regulations of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities *mutatis mutandis* subject to the approval of the General Assembly for inclusion in the Council election. Any such possible late candidatures will be circulated to the General Assembly as soon as they are received in an appropriate addendum.

2. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In the process of electing members of the Council for the upcoming term, the General Assembly is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and its annex.

ANNEX

Candidatures received from Member States for the Council in the alphabetic order in the English language of the States received:

Albania
Australia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
India
Ireland
Japan
Malaysia
Norway
Republic of Korea
Singapore
Spain
Sweden
The Netherlands
Türkiye
United Kingdom

Candidates received after the deadline – subject to General Assembly approval:

Belgium
Croatia
Romania
Solomon Islands

The full text can be found in the annexes.