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Dear Secretary-General,

In accordance with Article 7.7 (d) of the Convention and Article 3.5 of the General Regulations of the association mutatis mutandis, I have the honour to inform you that I have been authorized to present the Federal Republic of Germany as a candidate for election to the Council of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation in February 2025.

The attached statement sets out the background to this nomination.

Should the Federal Republic of Germany be elected it will be represented at Council meetings by

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A statement setting out his suitability for the role is attached.

Yours sincerley

Dr. Wibke Mellwig

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Declaration of Candidacy Federal Republic of Germany

Attachment

Being one of the “Founding Fathers” of IALA (NGO) in 1957 Germany has been involved with IALA ever since and had contributed to major milestones in IALA’s achievements. Germany is supporting the change of status of IALA, has signed and ratified the IALA (IGO) Convention.

Our ongoing commitment and dedication to IALA does include an active membership to all IALA Committees, the organization of IALA workshops and seminars and to provide technical, legal and management expertise to IALA whenever suitable.

The Federal Waterways and Shipping Agency (Generaldirektion Wasserstraßen und Schifffahrt - GDWS) is operating under the Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport and is the Federal Authority being legally responsible for the provision, maintenance and operation of Marine Aids to Navigation in the German coastal waters, the EEZ and the inland waterways.

The mission of the GDWS - Marine Aids to Navigation Service is to provide a nationwide “One Stop Shop” for shipping, shipping and logistic industry as well as other national authorities for all needs regarding safety and efficiency of navigation and the protection of the marine environment. This is done primarily by providing, operating and maintaining all kinds of visual A-to-N as well as VTS Services, Radar-, VHF/DSC- and AIS-Networks.

The Marine Aids to Navigation Service contributes to international projects and international organisations and networks. International shipping does need international standardised services. Major challenges of today are the growing need for Digitalisation of services and communication, the implementation and operation of international networks and services, autonomous shipping and AI-solutions.

Thomas WAGNER has been involved with marine Aids-to-Navigation for almost 20 years, since 2015 as Deputy Head of the Marine Aids-to-Navigation Service. As national project manager and coordinator, he has been involved in various international projects and represented the GDWS in international Steering Groups.





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Based on his long experience in the layout, design and implementation of marine Aids-to-Navigation and his well-proven management and leadership capabilities he has a strong desire to serve the international maritime community as a member of the IALA Council.

The Federal Republic of Germany is seeking support for Mr. Thomas WAGNER as a candidate to be elected as IALA Council member.

