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Valparaíso,

13 DIC. 2024

Señor
Francis ZACHARIAE
Secretario General
Organización Internacional de Ayudas a la Navegación Marítima

Estimado Secretario General,

Tengo el honor de informarle la intención de la Dirección General del Territorio Marítimo y de Marina Mercante (DIRECTEMAR), de la Armada de Chile, miembro nacional de la IALA, de postular a Chile para elección del Consejo IALA a efectuarse en el mes de febrero 2025. Para tal efecto, pongo en conocimiento a Ud. que el Gobierno de Chile se encuentra comprometido en ratificar la convención IALA lo antes posible.

De acuerdo al procedimiento constitucional de nuestro país, el respectivo proyecto debe ser aprobado por el Congreso Nacional, y actualmente se encuentra en trámite parlamentario con suma urgencia legislativa.

El Director General que suscribe, agradece desde ya su atención y le expresa a Ud. los mejores deseos de éxito en las importantes actividades que realiza.

Atentamente,




ROBERTO ZEGERS LEIGHTON
CONTRAALMIRANTE
DIRECTOR GENERAL

Courtesy translation

Mr. Francis Zachariae
Secretary-General
International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation

Dear Secretary-General,

I am pleased to inform you of the intention of the Directorate General of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine (DIRECTEMAR) of the Chilean Navy, national member of IALA, to nominate Chile for the election to the IALA Council to be held in February 2025. To this respect, I hereby state that the Chilean Government is committed to ratify the IALA Convention as soon as possible.

According to the constitutional procedure of our country, the corresponding project must be approved by the National Congress, and it is currently in parliamentary process with utmost legislative urgency.

The undersigned Director General would like to thank you in advance for your attention and wishes you every success in all your important activities.

Yours sincerely,



(signed)
ROBERTO ZEGERS
REAR ADMIRAL
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MARITIME
TERRITORY AND MERCHANT MARINE

Statement of Claims

It is with great pleasure that the Directorate General of the Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine, DIRECTEMAR, submits the candidacy of the State of Chile for election to the IALA Council, to be held in February 2025.

Chile has been a National Member of IALA since 1963, only 6 years after the founding of the Association, and has been continuously represented by the Chilean Navy. Chile has been a member of the IALA Council since 1998. Chile and Brazil represent the South American region in IALA and, together with Spain, is the only Spanish-speaking country within the Council.

Chile's participation in the Council is the result of an important initiative by IALA to include representatives from all regions of the world to participate in the various activities sponsored by IALA.

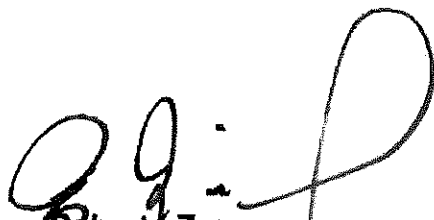
Our organization has reaffirmed its commitment to the global harmonization of aids to navigation by adhering to IALA publications during more than 60 years of participation. This has allowed us not only to improve the safety of navigation along our more than 4200 km of coastline, including the National Antarctic Territory, but also to share our knowledge with the international maritime community.

As a result, we have gained considerable experience that has enabled us to carry out numerous international and national tasks, thereby supporting the development of aids to navigation systems in the countries of the region and contributing to IALA's goal of worldwide harmonization of maritime buoyage systems. Some of these achievements are detailed below.

Our active participation in the IALA Committees and Technical meetings, sharing our experience with the international maritime community, has broadened the vision of our organization to new challenges in management and technology to improve our service and to support the Spanish-speaking community in the challenges and goals that IALA has set for the future.

The State of Chile is committed to continue working towards the goals of IALA through its active contributions, particularly in the Council and under its new status as an Intergovernmental Organization (IGO).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Zegers', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Roberto Zegers
Vice Admiral
Director General of the Maritime Territory and
Merchant Marine

Statement – outlining Activities and accomplishments of Chile's participation in the IALA Council

Participation in IALA activities has enabled us to achieve the following:

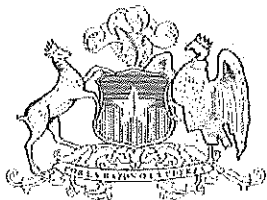
Nationwide

- Application of international regulations for the implementation and maintenance of the entire national network of public and private aids to navigation.
- Organize the AtoN structure according to tested processes.
- Design and certification of the national regulations for the implementation of new AtoN and maintenance of the network.
- Training of our technical and administrative aids to navigation personnel according to IALA model courses.
- Application of advanced technology in the maintenance and modernization of lighting systems, radio aids and lighthouse structures.
- Design and implementation of a VTS evaluation system.
- Promote greater awareness and participation in activities related to the historic heritage of lighthouses in the national history of AtoN, maintenance and restoration of historic lighthouses.
- The largest investment in our Aids to Navigation network in the last 50 years is underway to replace 8% of our signal, power and structural equipment.
- Unlimited access to technical materials for consultation.

International

- Participation in the IALA Conference and the General Assembly meetings held every four years.
- Participation in the biannual meetings of the IALA Council.
- Participation in the biannual meetings of the four IALA Technical Committees, contributing to various working groups and activities.
- Participation in the biannual meetings of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel (LAP).
- Certification of the Chilean Navy's Maritime Education and Training Center, CIMAR, as an International VTS Training Center with IALA certification.
- Implementation of the VTS Operator Training Course with IALA certification.
- Implementation of a Level 2 (L2) training course with IALA certification for Aids to Navigation technicians.

- Organize, in cooperation with IALA, seminars on relevant subjects from other continents, to be conducted in the Spanish-speaking countries of the region.
- Participation in working groups to translate IALA publications into Spanish.
- Presentations at IALA symposia and seminars on aids to navigation.
- Aids to Navigation courses for Spanish- speaking representatives at our organization's facilities.
- Participation in e-Navigation Underway Asia-Pacific meetings.
- Consultancy visits by our organization's experts to Spanish-speaking countries.
- Training courses on annual maritime AtoN developments for administrative personnel and aids to navigation technicians from other countries.
- Participation in IALA surveys and statistical questionnaires.
- Submitting Chile's historic lighthouses to the IALA World Heritage Lighthouse Program.
- Hosting, in cooperation with IALA, a seminar on aids to navigation for Spanish-speaking countries, as part of World Marine Aids to Navigation Day (WATON DAY).
- Drafting and submitting articles for the IALA Newsletter on national AtoN activities.
- Hosting, in collaboration with IALA, an internationally certified IALA model course in Spanish, L1.3 On the Use of the IALA Risk Management Tools (SIRA/IWRAP).
- Technical assistance from a Chilean Navy Officer in a course on aids to navigation structures held in Suriname.



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DECLARATION OF COUNCIL CANDIDACY BY MEMBER STATE

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 honor to inform you that I am authorized to present the State of Chile as a candidate for election to the IALA Council in February 2025.

Attachment A sets out the State of Chile's credentials for a position on the Council.

Should the State of Chile be elected, it will be represented at the Council by the H.E. Mrs. Tamara Villanueva, Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to Singapore or/and the Director of Maritime Safety, Security and Operations, Sigfrido Ramírez:

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Attachment B sets out their credentials to represent Chile.

Yours sincerely,


Ambassador Julio Cordano
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile



