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h– Review and Approval of the financial arrangements of the Organization

h.1.1– Note on the Financial arrangements

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Submitted by the Secretary-General

BACKGROUND

In line with the Article 7.7 (g) the General Assembly shall approve the financial arrangements of the Organization including the outline budget for the following three-years and the rate of contributions for Member States and fees for Associate Members and Affiliate Members.

The Finance and Audit Committee of the transitional Council in line with the General Regulations of the association mutatis mutandis advised the transitional Council on the three-year outline budget and the contributions for Member States and fees for Associate Members and Affiliate Industrial Members and other Affiliate Members.

The transitional Council in accordance with Article 3 of the General Regulations has agreed and proposes the three-year outline budget and the rates of contributions for Member States and fees for Associate Members to the General Assembly for approval.

DISCUSSION

1. Details about the three-year outline budget for the period 2025-2026-2027

The budget is drafted on the assumption that IALA will proceed with the transfer of staff, assets and liabilities on or soon after 1 January 2025.

The budget for 2025 differs from future budgets because it will support some one-off changes related to the winding up of the Association, such as the reversal of certain staff provisions that are no longer appropriate. Internal tax is implemented in accordance with the HQ agreement together with other allowances provided for in the Staff Rules. The 2025 budget also provides for the recruitment of an administrative position and a Documents Manager.

From 2025, the expenses are presented for their gross amounts excluding VAT to comply with the HQ agreement which stipulates that the VAT (20%) paid by the Organization for purchases over €150 will be refunded by the French Government.

As regards events, provisions have been made in the budget for the organization of the 1st General Assembly in Singapore in 2025 and for the 21st IALA Conference in India in 2027.

Concerning the relocation project, the decision was taken to move the IALA Headquarters to a larger place in Saint Germain en Laye in mid-2026. The construction of a 400 m2 plenary room next to the



building is scheduled for end of 2027. The total purchase cost of the building and the plenary room is 4.4 million euros.

According to a schedule of payment made over a period from 2025 to 2028, the French government shall contribute more than half of the budget and IALA shall contribute 2 million euros (1.5 million euros from the sale of the existing headquarters and the remainder from the reserves that have been set aside in the balance sheet for this purpose for several years).

The city of Saint Germain en laye and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs might also contribute to finance some purchase of equipment for the new HQ. Moving expenses, property taxes and related running costs are part of the operating budget from 2026 when IALA is due to move.

The recruitment of a Facility Manager in charge of keeping the new HQ properly maintained is anticipated in the budget from 2026 and a new budget line called 'Contingency' has been created in case of unforeseen costs linked to the change of status or the relocation of IALA's headquarters.

Most budget items increase in proportion with inflation (+3%).

The total budget for income and expenses over the period is between €3.4 million and €3.8 million.

2. Details about the contributions and fees for Member States and Associate, Affiliate Industrial and other Affiliate Members

An increase in the membership rate is applied to all categories over the period. It is proposed to differentiate between Member States and Associate Members from 2026, as Associate Members do not have voting rights and are not eligible for Council positions.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

Approve the financial arrangements of the Organization including the three-year outline budget for the period 2025-2026-2027 and the rates of contributions for Member States and the fees for Associate, Affiliate Industrial and other Affiliate Members as included in the Annex to the draft Resolution GA01-04.