



## BRAZILIAN NAVY

### DIRECTORATE OF HYDROGRAPHY AND NAVIGATION

#### STATEMENT OF CREDENTIALS OF BRAZIL FOR THE IALA COUNCIL

I have the honour to indicate the credentials of Brazil for a position on the Council of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA), as follows:

Brazil has been a National Member of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouses Authorities since 1961, represented by the Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation (DHN), which is the Representative of the Brazilian Maritime Authority for Aids to Navigation.

Brazil was elected to be a member of the Council, for the first time in 1990, and again in 1998, and since then has been reelected.

Brazil has hosted the following meetings of IALA in Rio de Janeiro: 41<sup>st</sup> (2001), 51<sup>st</sup> (2011), 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> (2023) Sessions of the Council; 20<sup>th</sup> IALA Conference (2023); and 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2023).

Brazil has 4962 aids to navigation, including three VTS, managed by the Brazilian Navy Aids to Navigation Center, and nine Regional Centers responsible for the maintenance, management, and inspection of operations, along more than 7500 kilometers of coastline and 20000 kilometers of inland waterways in use.

Brazil was elected Vice-President of the Association, during the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (2018) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, and it was elected President of the Association during the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (2023) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In accordance with the Transitional Arrangement, an annex to the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, BRAZIL became the President of the Organization, at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Transition Council, which took place virtually on 22 August 2024, when the Convention entered into force.

Brazil is ready to continue serving as a member of the IALA Council, collaborating with the work of the Organization, and in close cooperation with all Members of the new Intergovernmental Organization, to achieve the IALA aim and objectives.

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