

**1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly**  
**International Organization for**  
**Marine Aids to Navigation**



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**I-Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General**

***I.2.1– Note on the HQ agreement***

**Approval of the Headquarters Agreement between the Organization and the French Republic**

Submitted by the Secretary-General

**BACKGROUND**

International Governmental Organizations agree on Headquarters Agreements with their respective host nation. In these Headquarters Agreement the privileges and immunities of the Organization and its staff in the territory of the host nation are agreed.

The Organization and the French Republic have agreed a final draft of the Headquarters Agreement. As it can take up to two years before the formal procedure for such agreements in France are finalized, a temporary arrangement with the same content (“ordonnance”) will be established in order for the Organization and its staff to benefit from the rights and privileges. This is in accordance with the normal procedure for International Organizations in France.

The agreement deals with the rights and obligations inter alias in relation to the premises of the Organization, immunity and tax exemption, the rights of the representatives of Member States and resident permits for staff members. Article 13 specifically mentions the rights of staff members to remain in the French social security system in case the Organization wishes to do so.

The text of the Headquarters Agreement of the Organization resembles those of other International Organizations which have their headquarters on French territory and the French Republic as the host nation and depository of the respective Convention.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Headquarters Agreement was negotiated between the Secretary-General of the International Association for Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs alongside the developments of the change of status and in line with the transitional arrangements of the Convention.

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS INVITED TO**

Approve the establishment of an HQ agreement in line with the final draft as in the annex to resolution GA01-08, paper GA01-i.2.2.