

IALA COUNCIL
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Nice, France**8– Strategy and Policy*****8.2– Change of Status*****8.2.1 – Status on ratifications and transition arrangements****STATUS ON RATIFICATIONS**

The first signing ceremony of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation was held on 27 January 2021 in Paris. As the depositary State of the Convention, France was the first country to sign it.

This ceremony marked the official opening of the Convention for signature, initiating a one-year signing period. All Member States of the United Nations—particularly those that had signed the Final Act of the Kuala Lumpur Conference—were invited to sign the Convention at the Protocol Department of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

The final signing ceremony took place on the last day of the signature period, 26 January 2022, at the IALA Headquarters in Saint-Germain-en-Laye. Over the course of the year, 50 States signed the Convention.

States that have signed the Convention are invited to transmit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, or approval to France, the depositary State. Member States of the United Nations that did not sign during the initial signing period may still accede to the Convention. The Convention entered into force on 22 August 2024.

As of 30 May 2025, 39 States have ratified, accepted, approved, or acceded to the Convention.

A list of Member States is provided in the Annex.

STATUS ON TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

The Secretariat has nearly completed the transition from the establishment of the new organization to the eventual dissolution of the current association. To support this process, and following advice from the LAP, the Secretariat appointed a French law firm to provide legal assistance throughout the transition period and until the winding up of the Association



is finalized. The law firm has been assisting with the administrative formalities required under French law to transfer the rights, interests, assets, and liabilities to the Organization.

Of particular relevance is the Annex to the Convention (Transitional Arrangements) and Article 13 of the current IALA Constitution, which outlines the automatic dissolution of IALA as an association. It is important to note that references to the "Council" in the Constitution refer to the Council of IALA as an association.

Article 13 states:

In the event of IALA being constituted as an international organization based on an international agreement, the Council must arrange for the winding up of IALA and the formal transfer of ownership of all assets, free of charge and without reservation, into the possession of the organization constituted according to the international agreement. This Constitution will terminate without further action once the formalities for termination required by French law, initiated by the Council, are complete.

As mentioned, the transition is proceeding smoothly, with most assets and liabilities already transferred. This includes the successful transfer of staff from the Association to the Organization. All 15 staff members have been transferred in accordance with the provisions of the new General Regulations and Staff Rules.

The final remaining asset to be transferred is the Headquarters at 10 rue des Gaudines, which is expected to be transferred in the second half of 2025.

Once all formalities required by French law for the dissolution of the Association are completed, the Association Council will be convened—either online or in person—for a final meeting.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Note the information provided.



ANNEX

Member States of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation

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| 1. Singapore | 22. Tunisia |
| 2. Norway | 23. Mexico |
| 3. Japan | 24. Oman |
| 4. Malaysia | 25. Germany |
| 5. India | 26. China |
| 6. Panama | 27. Portugal |
| 7. The Netherlands | 28. Bulgaria |
| 8. The United Kingdom | 29. Croatia |
| 9. Canada | 30. Egypt |
| 10. Spain | 31. Brazil |
| 11. Romania | 32. Qatar |
| 12. Saudi Arabia | 33. Belgium |
| 13. Republic of Korea | 34. Türkiye |
| 14. France | 35. Solomon Islands |
| 15. Denmark | 36. Chile |
| 16. Finland | 37. Australia |
| 17. Cuba | 38. Uruguay |
| 18. Slovenia | 39. Russia. |
| 19. Ireland | |
| 20. Sweden | |
| 21. Albania | |