

**IALA COUNCIL**  
**3rd Session**



**8-12 December 2025**  
**Mumbai, India**

## **14 – CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, AND OTHER EVENTS**

### ***14.2 – 15<sup>th</sup> Symposium 2029***

#### 14.2 – Decide on the 15<sup>th</sup> Symposium 2029

Note by the Secretariat

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

As stated in Convention Article 8.8(l) and General Regulations Article 15, the Organization arranges conferences and symposia as follows:

15.1 A conference shall have as its principal objective the exchange of information relating to all types of Marine Aids to Navigation.

15.2 A symposium shall consider and discuss a set of contributions on specific subjects relating to Marine Aids to Navigation.

15.3 The venue and the year of conferences and symposia shall be decided by the Council.

### **2. THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SYMPOSIUM**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Conference is scheduled to take place from 1–5 November 2027 in Mumbai, and the subsequent conference is planned for May/June 2030.

Traditionally, symposia have been held between conferences, typically with a two-year interval, as there were four years between conferences/general assemblies. Within the Organization, however, conferences/general assemblies are now held every three years, leaving approximately one and a half years between a conference and the subsequent symposium.

It is therefore proposed to host the 15th IALA Symposium in January 2029.

A symposium shall be open to international organizations, companies or individuals working in the field or having an interest associated with the subject addressed by the symposium.

At symposia an exhibition of Marine Aids to Navigation equipment and services will be organised during each symposium. The exhibition will be open to any entity operating in the Marine Aids to Navigation field.

Previous Symposia have often focused on Vessel Traffic Services. The most recent Symposium, held in Rotterdam in 2021, adopted a broader theme: Enhanced Maritime Safety and Efficiency through Connectivity.

It is recommended that the theme of the 15th Symposium center on Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, and Resilient Infrastructure.

### **3. COUNCIL IS INVITED TO**

**Approve** the proposal to organize the 15<sup>th</sup> IALA Symposium in January 2029,

**Discuss** an appropriate theme for the symposium and

**Consider** hosting the symposium.