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10.1 – Committee work organisation

10.1.3 Approval of Chair and Vice Chair for Committee and subsidiary bodies

Note by the Secretariat

**APPROVAL PROCEDURE IN CASE OF MORE THAN ONE CANDIDACY FOR
THE POSITION OF CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR**

1. INTRODUCTION

According to the Convention, Article 8.8 (k) the Council approves Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees and subsidiary bodies.

The approval procedure for Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committees or subsidiary bodies is not defined in the Convention or in the General Regulations. In case of only one candidate for one position and if the Council expresses no objection to that candidate, it seems appropriate to approve the new Chair or Vice chair without any further formal procedure. This follows the tradition of the Council from the association.

If there is however more than one candidate for one position of Chair or Vice Chair for the Committees or subsidiary bodies, a formal and transparent approval procedure should be followed.

2. DISCUSSION

In the Convention and the General Regulations specific positions in the organs of the Organization such as the President and Vice President and the Secretary-General are elected. The procedure is included in the General Regulations. For the approval of Chairs and Vice chairs of Committees or subsidiary bodies no procedures are included in the Convention or the General Regulations.

In accordance with the principles of good governance and transparency, including the principle of worldwide representation as set out in Article 8.3 of the Convention, and if no agreement can be reached by other means, it is proposed that the election procedure for the Secretary-General be applied mutatis mutandis as follows:

- A vote to elect the Chair or Vice Chair of a Committee or subsidiary body from amongst those nominated will be conducted by secret ballot.
- The Chair of the Council shall appoint two scrutineers from amongst the Council members who have not nominated candidates, who shall proceed to scrutinize the votes cast and the counting of votes by the Secretariat.
- The candidate winning a simple majority of votes will be elected. When several candidates compete for the position, and no candidate obtains a simple majority of votes, rounds of votes will be conducted, in order to eliminate each time, the candidate with fewer votes. Should a simple majority not be possible due to an equal division of votes amongst the remaining two



candidates for two subsequent ballots the Chair will draw by lot the name of the candidate who will be appointed to the position.

The Secretariat proposes to include the agreed procedure for the approval of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees and subsidiary bodies as a proposal in the next review and approval of the General Regulations at the next General Assembly in 2027.

3. THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO

Note the information, **approve** the draft procedure and **follow** this procedure when approving the new Vice Chair of the VTS Committee and the Chair of the Legal Advisory Panel.

Annex A: List of Chairs and Vice Chairs

Annex B: List of Candidates



List of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees and Subsidiary Bodies.

Aids to Navigation Requirements and Management (ARM):

Chair: Mr. Guttorm Tomren, Norway

Vice Chair: Ms. Natasha McMahon, Canada

Engineering and Sustainability (ENG):

Chair: Mr. Alwyn Williams, United Kingdom

Vice Chair: Mr. Michel Cousquer, France

Digital Technology Committee (DTEC):

Chair: Mr. Hideki Noguchi, Japan

Vice Chair: Mr. Dennis Khoo, Singapore

Vessel Traffic Services (VTS):

Chair: Ms. Monica Sundklev, Sweden

Vice Chair: Vacant

Policy Advisory Panel (PAP):

Chair: Captain Phil Day, United Kingdom

Vice Chair: Mr. Serhat Aytugel, Türkiye

Legal Advisory Panel (LAP):

Chair: Vacant

Vice Chair: Thomas Arculus, United Kingdom



List of Candidates:

Vessel Traffic Services (VTS):

Ms. Lorena Andrea Garcia, Argentina

Ms. Xiong E, China

Mr. Trond Ski, Norway

Legal Advisory Panel (LAP):

Vice Chair, Mr. Thomas Arculus, United Kingdom

Mr. Tiago da Silva Benavente, Portugal