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Subject: Nomination for the position of Chair of the Legal Advisory Panel

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Dear Francis,

I have the honour to write to you officially on behalf of the UK Member State.

Thank you for your invitation calling for nominations for the position of Chair of the Legal Advisory Panel.

The United Kingdom nominates Thomas Arculus.

Thomas has been an active member of the LAP since 2018 and was elected LAP Vice-Chair of the Association in 2024. Following change of status he was elected LAP Vice-Chair of the Organization by the new IALA Council in February 2025. He is currently serving on the PAP and as Interim LAP Chair, he will chair the next meeting of the LAP later this month.

During his period of service on the LAP its main task has been to steer IALA through its journey to IGO status. In this endeavour Thomas has participated in the following ways:

- serving at the Pre-Diplomatic Conference in Istanbul in 2019,
- serving as part of the UK delegation at the Diplomatic Conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2020 at which he served on the Drafting Committee,
- presenting at the IALA Conference in Rio de Janeiro in 2023,
- serving at the Drafting Workshop for the General and Financial Regulations in Tokyo in 2023,
- representing the UK as part of the delegation to Transitional Councils 01 and 02 in 2024 and
- serving as part of the UK delegation at the 1st General Assembly of the new International Organization in Singapore in 2025.

Thomas has extensive experience of maritime affairs having worked for Trinity House since 2007. He is currently Head of Legal and Estates at Trinity House, and Secretary of the Board, a position he has held since 2017. Prior to that he served as Legal Advisor. He is also the permanent Secretary of the (Anglo-Irish) Joint Strategic Board which coordinates the activities of the UK and Irish General Lighthouse Authorities and their performance of our respective governments' SOLAS obligations in respect of aids to navigation across these islands.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree and is an Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution. He is a professional Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

I hope that you will recognise the relevance his experience and qualifications which make him a suitable candidate for the role of LAP Chair together with his long-standing enthusiasm for and commitment to the IALA family.

Yours sincerely,
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