



REPORT OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE IALA
LEGAL ADVISORY PANEL (LAP)

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Executive Summary

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The LAP noted the reports from Council 02, PAP 58 and the last committee sessions.

The LAP was briefed on the latest ratifications of the Convention, the dissolution of the association and the preparations for the next General Assembly to be held in Mumbai in 2027.

The LAP approved the new policy on advertising and sponsoring in the IGO.

The LAP approved changes implemented into G1153 on emerging technologies from the DTEC committee based on advice from the LAP27.

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1. INTRODUCTION FROM ACTING LAP CHAIR AND SECRETARY-GENERAL

The acting Chair welcomed the participants to this hybrid meeting and thanked Christina Schneider for her good work as chair of the LAP since 2018.

The Secretary-General also welcomed the participants and gave a short update the latest developments in the Organization since the General Assembly in Singapore in February 2025.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda (input paper LAP28-2.1) was adopted.

The agenda is provided at ANNEX A.

3. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM LAP27

Input paper LAP28-3.1 refers.

All action items were completed.

4. REVIEW OF INPUT PAPERS

A list of input papers is provided at ANNEX C.

5. REPORT FROM COUNCIL

Input paper LAP28-5.1 refers.

Technical Operations Director Minsu Jeon reported on the outcomes of the Council meeting 02 held in Nice in June.

The LAP noted the report.

6. REPORT FROM PAP

Input paper LAP28-6.1 refers.

Minsu Jeon reported on the PAP meeting 58 held from 9-12 September at the Headquarters in St Germain en Laye.

The LAP noted the report.

7. REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEES

Minsu Jeon, gave a brief report on the committees' work to update the panel on the developments since the last LAP meeting. For further information all reports of the Committees are available on the IALA website.

The LAP noted the report.

8. UPDATE ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SINGAPORE

The Secretary-General Francis Zachariae briefed the panel on the outcome of the General Assembly in Singapore in February 2025. The General Assembly was extremely successful with the election of the President, Vice President, the Council and the Secretary-General. In addition, several important documents including the General Regulations, the terms of Reference for Committees and subsidiary bodies and agreements on cooperation with IMO and IHO were approved.

To this date 42 Member States have ratified, acceded or accepted the Convention which entered into force on 22 August 2024.

One last meeting of the association Council will be held online on 20 November 2025 marking the termination of the association after all formalities required by French law are completed. While Article 13 of the constitution of the association clearly states that the constitution of the association will terminate without further action, it is considered a good opportunity to officially mark the end of an era and recognize this important step in the history of IALA.

The LAP noted the update on the General Assembly.

9. PREPARATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MUMBAI, INDIA

The Secretary-General briefed the LAP on the preparations for the next General Assembly and Conference in Mumbai in November 2027 which have already started. Council 03 in December 2025 will be held in Mumbai to allow the Council to visit the venue for both the Conference and the General Assembly and be briefed by the host India on the status of the preparations.

In addition of the General Assembly and Conference there will also be the Industrial Affiliate Members General Assembly held during the week and the first meeting of the newly elected Council that will be held immediately after the General Assembly.

10. REVIEW OF THE NEW DRAFT POLICY ON ADVERTISING AND SPONSORING IN THE IGO

Input paper LAP28-10.1 refers.

The acting Chair Thomas Arculus introduced the new draft policy on advertising and sponsoring prepared by the Secretariat. The LAP discussed the draft briefly and approved it. The Secretariat will forward the draft policy to Council 03 in Mumbai in December for final approval.

Action item AI-LAP28-1

The Secretariat will draft a liaison note to Council 03 in Mumbai including the approved draft policy on advertising and sponsoring of events in an IGO for approval.

11. REVIEW OF G1153 FROM DTEC

Input paper LAP28-11.1 refers.

After advice from LAP on the wording of G1153 on a Template for the Review of Emerging Technologies for Possible Use by IALA Members DTEC adapted the wording of the Guideline and inquired via a new liaison note if the requirements of LAP were met.

The panel discussed the adapted wording presented by DTEC and considered the changes in line with the advice previously given. The Secretariat will prepare a liaison note to DTEC in accordance with the results of the meeting.

Action item 2

The Secretariat will draft a liaison note to DTEC about the changed G1153 by DTEC upon a proposal by LAP.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Dean of the World-Wide Academy, Vincent Denamur, gave a presentation of the activities of the Academy including the historical development, the aims and objectives, the independent funding from sponsors and members and the missions and Model Courses conducted around the world. The presentation was given without changing the agenda of the LAP meeting. Therefore it is included under this agenda item.

13. REVIEW OF OUTPUT AND WORKING PAPERS

There were 2 liaison notes from this meeting, one for Council 03 and one for the DTEC committee, see Annex D.

14. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

There were 2 action items from this meeting, see Annex E.

15. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

LAP29 is scheduled to take place on 28-29 April 2026.

16. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT

The report of LAP28 was to be approved by correspondence.

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LEGAL ADVISORY PANEL - LAP 28

Legal Advisory Panel

28th Session

Agenda item 2

LAP 28-2

October 29, 2025

Hybrid meeting

The 28th meeting of the Legal Advisory Panel will be held on 29 October 2025 at the Organization's Headquarters, 10 rue des Gaudines, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France and by video conference. The meeting will start at 10:00 CET and is expected to end at 13:00 CET.

LAP 28 - PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction from LAP vice chair and Secretary General
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Review of action items from LAP 27
4. Review of input papers
5. Report from Council
6. Report from PAP
7. Report from Committees
8. Update on the General Assembly in Singapore
9. Preparation of the General Assembly in Mumbai, India.
10. Review of the new draft policy on advertising and sponsoring in the IGO.
11. Review of the G1153 from DTEC
12. Any other business
13. Review of output and working papers
14. Review of action items
15. Date and place of next meeting
16. Approval of the report

ANNEX B LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Acting Chair	Thomas Arculus Trinity House UK
Belgium	Chantal Crombez Agency for Maritime and Coastal Services
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Finland	Anna Mesimaki Henri Hassi Finnish Transport And Communications Agency Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency
Netherlands	Maarten Berrevoets Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management
Norway	Jeanette Assev-Lindin Norwegian Coastal Administration
Portugal	Tiago Silva Benavente Direção de Faróis
Saudi Arabia	Munirah Alhumidan Saudi Ports Authority
Sweden	Ida Ribbenhed Swedish Maritime Administration
IALA	Secretary-General Francis Zachariae Technical Operations Manager Minsu Jeon Dean of the WWA Vincent Denamur Document Controller and Legal Advisor Christina Schneider

ANNEX C LIST OF INPUT PAPERS

Meeting	Agenda Item	Title / Author (if required)	Source	Output papers
LAP28-	2.1	Provisional Agenda	Secretariat	
LAP28-	3.1	Review of action items from LAP26	Secretariat	
LAP28-	4.1	Review of input papers	Secretariat	
LAP28-	5.1.	Report of C02	Secretariat	
LAP28-	6.1	Report of PAP 58	Secretariat	
LAP28-	10.1	New draft policy on advertising and sponsoring in the IGO	Secretariat	
LAP28-	11.1	Liaison note from DTEC on changed G 1153	DTEC	

ANNEX D LIST OF OUTPUT PAPERS

Meeting	No.	Title	Action
LAP28-	13.1	Liaison note to Council on new draft policy on advertising and sponsoring in the IGO	To Council to consider
LAP28-	13.2	Liaison note to DTEC on the changed G1153	To DTEC to consider

ANNEX E ACTION ITEMS

Action item number	Action items for the Secretariat	Action
AI-LAP28-1	Liaison note to Council on new draft policy on advertising and sponsoring in the IGO	To Council to consider
AI-LAP28-2	Liaison note to DTEC on the changed G1153	To DTEC to consider



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