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Objet: Expression of Interest in Hosting the 2026 World Marine Aids to Navigation Day

Dear Secretary-General,

I would like to extend my sincere greetings and express my appreciation for the continued efforts of the IALA Secretariat in promoting international cooperation and advancing the field of marine aids to navigation.

The Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea is pleased to formally express its interest in hosting the 2026 World Marine Aids to Navigation Day (WAtON Day).

The year 2026 will hold special significance for the Republic of Korea.

It is expected to coincide with the relocation of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries to Busan-the nation's maritime capital-

and the opening of a permanent exhibition for the historical UK lighthouse lens at the National Lighthouse Museum.

These developments reflect Korea's deep and enduring commitment to preserving and promoting the world's lighthouse heritage, as well as enhancing global maritime safety.

In this context, hosting the 2026 WAtON Day in Korea would carry great symbolic value and provide an excellent opportunity to further strengthen international collaboration among IALA Members.

The Republic of Korea remains fully committed to supporting the mission and vision of IALA, and

sincerely hopes that this proposal will receive favorable consideration at the 3rd IALA Council meeting to be held in Mumbai this December.

We look forward to the Council's positive deliberation and to continued cooperation in advancing our shared goals of marine safety and lighthouse heritage.

With my highest regards,

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