



15 – MEMBERSHIP

15.2 – Changes in Membership and Resignations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. BACKGROUND (updated)

The Secretariat wishes to inform the Council of the following changes and resignations that affect the membership since the last Council meeting in June: The entry into force of the Convention for three States, one merger, three transfers of membership to new entities, three resignations and a relocation.

2. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

2.1 From Associate membership to Member State

- **ARGENTINA (1ARGE01):** The instrument of ratification was deposited by Argentina on 19 August and the Convention has entered into force for them on 19 September. Argentina is now a Member State.
- **ICELAND (1ICELO1):** The instrument was deposited by Iceland on 9 September and the Convention has entered into force for them on 9 October. Iceland is now a Member State.
- **ITALY (1ITAL01):** The instrument was deposited by Italy on 10 October. The Convention has entered into force for Italy on 12 November making them Member State. The Council may recall that IALA used to have two Associate members in Italy. **They shall jointly represented the Member State. This results in the loss of one member in accounting terms.**

2.2 Merger and transfer of membership to new entities.

- **Vietnam Maritime Safety North and South, Vietnam (2VIET01), Associate membership:** These two entities have been sharing responsibilities for AtoN and membership for many years, this resulting in the payment of their contributions in turn each year. The Secretariat was informed on 25 May of their merger into one organization renamed Vietnam Maritime Safety Corporation.
- **Dubai Maritime City Authority, The United Arab Emirates (2UNAE01), Associate member:** This organization has been a member since 2016. The Secretariat was informed recently that their Associate membership was taken over by the **Federal Maritime Authority of the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure**. It is reminded that the Convention was signed by the UAE. The Secretariat was informed that the necessary actions were undertaken to ratify the Convention in the near future.
- **State Hydrographic Service, Georgia (2GEOR01), Associate member:** This organization has been a member since 2016. Due to institutional restructuring within the Government of Georgia and amendments to the Georgian Maritime Code which took effect from August 1st, the **Maritime Transport Agency of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development**



succeeded to it. Georgia signed the Convention on 26 January 2022 and the Secretariat was informed that they were now in the ratification process.

3. RESIGNATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP

3.1 From Affiliate Industrial membership

- **India navigations aids, India, (4INDI09)**. This organization which has been a member since June 2023 has never settled any contribution. After several reminders, they have decided not to consider their membership for the reason that the fees were too high. They were reminded that with the next IALA Conference to be held in Mumbai in 2027, such a decision was regrettable, as this is a major event particularly for industries with a view of the exhibition.
- **Maxseas naval SL Timezero, Spain, (4SPA112)**. This organization has been a member since 2022. Fees were settle until 2024.

3.2 From Affiliate membership

- **Antwerp Maritime Academy, Belgium (3BELG04)**. This organization has been a member since 2023. The resignation is because of budgetary constraints due to ongoing projects.

3.3 Membership relocation

- **Wärtsilä Voyage, Ireland (4IREL03)**. This organization which was based in Ireland has recently informed IALA of the relocation of its main business in Canada. Its new name and reference are : Wärtsilä Voyage Canada (4CANA12) .

THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO

Note the changes in membership above under 2 and the resignations under 3.