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Assunto: PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL TO HOST ENG24 AND ARM24 COMMITTEE MEETINGS, IN THE SPRING OF 2027

Dear Francis Zachariae,

During the last Council meeting of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) held in India, a call was issued inviting member organisations to volunteer to host the Committee Meetings scheduled for spring 2027.

The Portuguese Directorate-General for Maritime Authority, through its Portuguese Lighthouse Directorate, remains strongly committed to supporting IALA's mission and objectives.

As Portugal's technical authority for all matters related to maritime signalling and aids to navigation, we believe that hosting the ENG24 and ARM24 Committee Meetings would provide an excellent opportunity to demonstrate our continued commitment to maritime safety and safe navigation, while further strengthening collaboration within the IALA community.

In this context, we are pleased to formally present our candidacy to host both the ENG24 and ARM24 Committees Meetings. The main elements of our proposal are outlined below:

- **Venue**

Although our headquarter is located in Paço de Arcos, in the municipality of Oeiras, within the Lisbon metropolitan area, the meeting facilities will be kindly provided by the Municipality of Oeiras. These facilities offer larger and well-equipped meeting rooms suitable for committee sessions. The rooms are equipped with large screens and full capability for hybrid participation via Microsoft Teams. Additional smaller rooms and breakout areas will also be available for Working Group sessions, with the same technical capabilities;

- **Accommodation**

The Lisbon region, and in particular the municipality of Oeiras offers a wide range of accommodation options, including hotels of different categories as well as short-term rental options such as Airbnb, ensuring suitable choices for all participants;

- **Travel**

The Lisbon Airport is located close to the city centre and provides convenient international connections. The venue and surrounding areas are easily accessible by taxi/Uber and public transport;

- **Catering**

Coffee breaks will be provided by the host organisation at no additional cost;

- **Staffing**

Administrative and logistical support staff will be made available by the Portuguese Lighthouse Directorate at no additional cost;

- **Programme**

Further details regarding the meeting programme, including possible technical visits and points of interest near the venue, will be provided in due course;

- **Committee Dinner / Social Event**

A social event consistent with those normally organised during committee meetings will be arranged, with participation on a self-funded basis;

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be honoured to welcome the ENG24 and ARM24 Committees to Portugal and to contribute to the continued success of IALA's mission.

With warmest regards,

The Director-General of the National Maritime Authority



Nuno Chaves Ferreira
Vice-Admiral

