

## IALA COUNCIL 4th session



8-11 June 2026  
HQ, France

### 14 – General Assembly, Conferences, Symposia and other events

#### 14.1 General Assembly

##### 14.1.1 Preparation for the General Assembly

Note by the Secretariat

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The second General Assembly of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation will subject to approval by the Council tentatively take place 10-11 November 2027 in Mumbai. The morning of 12 November is foreseen as reserved in case more time is needed. The General Assembly will work according to an agenda including a clearly defined schedule for the submission of input papers according to Article 3.11-3.15 of the General Regulations.

The General Assembly elects the President, Vice President, the Secretary-General and the Council. Member States are invited to declare their candidacy for the President and Vice President according to Article 4, for the Council according to Article 5 and for the Secretary-General according to Article 6 of the General Regulations.

This paper aims to inform Council Members about the schedule for the submission of input papers and the declaration of candidacies for the President, the Vice President, the Council and the Secretary-General.

### 2. SCHEDULE FOR INPUT PAPERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The preparation for the General Assembly including the timeline for the submission of input papers is detailed by the General Regulations of the Organization in accordance with Article 3.11-3.15 and includes the following timeline:

- **10 November 2027:**

Opening of the General Assembly

*minus 180 calendar days before opening (Art. 3.12 General Regulations)*

- **14 May 2027**

Invite Member States to submit proposals they wish to discuss at the Assembly during the next 60 days

*minus 120 calendar days before opening (Art. 3.13 General Regulations)*

- **13 July 2027:**

Circulation of submitted proposals together with those prepared by the Council to Member States, Associate and Affiliate Members which are invited to comment within the next 60 calendar days

*minus 60 calendar days before opening (Art. 3.14 General Regulations)*



- **11 September 2027:**

Circulation of provisional agenda and all papers to Member States, Associate and Affiliate Members; excluding any amending or alternative proposals which may be received until 30 calendar days before the opening

*minus 30 calendar days before opening (Art. 3.13 (b) General Regulations)*

- **11 October 2027:**

Submission of any amending or alternative proposals to Member States, Associate and Affiliate Members

Most of the draft input papers for the General Assembly including draft Resolutions are prepared by the Council in accordance with Article 3.13 of the General Regulations. The next regular Council meetings are foreseen in December 2026 and June 2027. All input papers in the form of draft Resolutions shall be translated into the official languages of the Organization in accordance with Conference Resolution 1 from the Diplomatic Conference in Kuala Lumpur.

According to Article 3.13 of the General Regulations 120 calendar days before the opening, the Secretariat shall circulate submitted proposals from Member States and those prepared by the Council to all Member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members. The exact date of the submission will be 13 July 2027.

As a consequence, most input papers and draft Resolutions as prepared by the Council must be approved by Council 05 in December 2026 to allow for enough time to format all input papers and translate draft Resolutions as described above. In case of the necessity for more discussion in the Council on specific input papers or draft Resolutions to the General Assembly, these may be approved by Council 06 the latest.

### **3. DECLARING CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OR SECRETARY-GENERAL**

The Secretary-General will invite Member States to declare their candidacy for the President or Vice President according to Article 4, for the Council according to Article 5 and for the Secretary-General according to Article 6 of the General Regulations. The schedule will be as follows:

#### **For the President and Vice President:**

- **10 November 2027:**

Opening of the General Assembly

*minus 180 calendar days before opening (Art. 4.1 General Regulations)*

- **14 May 2027**

Invitation to Member States to declare their candidacy. Candidacies should include the name of the Member State in each case and a statement, in the form approved by the Council and provided by the Secretariat, outlining the credentials of the Member State in each case.

*minus 60 calendar days before opening (Art. 4.2 General Regulations)*

- **11 September 2027:**

All candidacies shall be collated and circulated to all Member States by the Secretariat.



#### **For the Council:**

- **10 November 2027:**

Opening of the General Assembly

*minus 180 calendar days before opening (Art. 5.1 General Regulations)*

- **14 May 2027**

Invitation to Member States to declare their candidacy. Candidacies should include the name of the Member State in each case and a statement, in the form approved by the Council and provided by the Secretariat, outlining the capabilities of the Member State for a position on the Council.

*minus 60 calendar days before opening (Art. 5.2 General Regulations)*

- **11 September 2027:**

All candidacies shall be collated and circulated to all Member States by the Secretariat.

#### **For the Secretary General:**

- **10 November 2027:**

Opening of the General Assembly

*minus 120 days before opening (90 calendar days + 30 calendar days before opening closing of the list, Article 6.1 General Regulations)*

- **13 July 2027:**

Invitation by the Council to invite Member States to nominate candidates from among their respective nationals

*Minus 30 calendar days before opening of the General Assembly (Article 6.1 General Regulations)*

- **Nominations received until 11 October 2027**

Received nominations shall be notified to all Member States by the Secretariat as soon as they are received.

## **4. THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO**

**Note** the information and prepare draft input papers and draft Resolutions for the General Assembly accordingly.