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Official Bid to Host the 15th IALA Symposium in January 2029

Submitted by Denmark

Dear Secretary-General,

Denmark is honored to submit this formal application to host the 15th IALA Symposium in January 2029.

Denmark welcomes the proposed theme “Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, and Resilient Infrastructure” as both timely and highly relevant to IALA’s mission. The integration of AI presents significant opportunities to enhance navigational safety, vessel traffic management, and digital aids to navigation, reflecting the growing trend of maritime digitalization. At the same time, safeguarding these systems against cyber threats is essential to ensure the continuity and integrity of maritime services. Ensuring resilient physical and digital infrastructure further guarantees that critical aids to navigation remain reliable under all conditions. Together, these elements address the key drivers shaping the future of the global aids-to-navigation community.

For Denmark, these themes are particularly relevant to the work of the Ministry of Resilience and Preparedness, which was established to strengthen the resilience and preparedness of society as a whole. The Ministry’s mandate encompasses safeguarding critical infrastructure on sea and land, coordinating emergency responses, and ensuring that both digital and physical systems can withstand and recover from disruptions. Therefore, the themes of the 15th Symposium are not merely technical subjects to us; they are core priorities for the Danish Emergency Management Agency under the Ministry of Resilience and Preparedness, making Denmark an ideal and highly motivated host for the symposium.

Denmark proposes Copenhagen as the host city. Situated beautifully by the Sound between Sweden and Denmark, Copenhagen is a world-class destination that perfectly balances historical charm with cutting-edge modernity. We offer exceptional conference facilities located in the very heart of the city, ensuring that delegates have easy access to the capital’s amenities. Within walking distance of the proposed venue, delegates will find a vast array of hotel accommodation options spanning all price ranges and styles.

The city’s well-developed infrastructure and efficient public transport system make it effortless for participants to navigate the capital. Furthermore, Copenhagen Airport serves as a premier hub in Northern Europe, offering a high frequency of direct international flight connections, ensuring convenient travel for the global IALA membership. Beyond the professional sessions, Copenhagen offers a wealth of diverse cultural and recreational opportunities, from its historic waterfronts to its renowned culinary and museum scenes, promising an enriching experience for both delegates and their partners.

We look forward to the possibility of welcoming the international maritime community to Copenhagen in 2029 to advance the vital work of IALA.

Yours sincerely,



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