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Secretary-General  
International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA)  
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Subject: Interest in Hosting the ENG Committee in the First Half of 2027

Dear Secretary-General,

I am writing to express our interest in hosting the ENG Committee in the first half of 2027 of IALA in Tokyo, Japan, with the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) as the host organization.

Japan has long been actively involved in the work of the IALA Committees, and in the ENG field in particular, we have been working on various initiatives, including efforts to enhance the utilization of lighthouses such as the Twinned Lighthouses, as well as to improve the efficient management of lighthouses and aids to navigation.

In addition, Japan has a number of members with extensive experience in aids to navigation. Holding the ENG Committee in Tokyo would therefore be highly beneficial for these members and would provide valuable opportunities for further engagement. We also believe that hosting the meeting in Japan would offer an excellent opportunity for IALA members to directly experience Japan's ongoing initiatives and progress in this field.

Should we be given the opportunity to host the ENG Committee, we may need to consult with you regarding the timing of the meeting. In that case, we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss a possible adjustment, such as holding the committee in February 2027.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope to have the opportunity to welcome you in Tokyo.

Yours Respectfully,

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