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Dear Secretary-General,

Please allow me to extend my sincere congratulations on IALA's successful transition to an intergovernmental organization. I am confident that this significant milestone will provide a stronger foundation for global cooperation in marine aids to navigation and maritime safety.

In this context, the Republic of Korea wishes to express its strong interest in hosting the 8th session of the IALA Digital Technologies Committee(DTEC 8), scheduled for March 2027.

The Government of the Republic of Korea regards maritime digitalization as a strategic priority and is actively advancing a range of initiatives related to e-Navigation, S-100 based services, digital aids to navigation, and secure maritime data exchange frameworks. We believe that hosting DTEC 8 in Korea would provide a valuable opportunity to contribute to IALA's technical work in its new capacity as an international organization and to further promote international collaboration in digital maritime technologies.

With considerable experience in organizing international maritime and technical meetings at the international level, the Republic of Korea stands ready to provide appropriate conference facilities, technical infrastructure, and the necessary administrative support in close coordination with the IALA Secretariat.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and to align with IALA's planning for upcoming Committee meetings.

Please accept, Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Suho'.

Lee Suho

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