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## 2.4 (E) – The view of the Industrial Members Committee

Note by the Secretariat

### 1. GENERAL

IALA is comprised of three types of members: National members, Associate members and Industrial members. Industrial members are defined in the current IALA Constitution as “manufacturers and distributors of marine aids to navigation equipment for sale, or organisations providing marine aids to navigation services or technical advice under contract”.

Up to date industrial members are higher in number than any other members in each category and form 48% of the IALA membership.

The Industrial Members Committee (IMC) represents the interests of the Industrial members to IALA and the IALA Council. It is involved in arranging or assisting in a number of exhibitions including the IALA Conferences. It consists of five members elected every four years at Industrial Members’ General Meetings. The IMC operates according to Bye-Laws<sup>1</sup> that are reviewed and agreed by the same General Meetings. The IMC has observer status in the Council and the industrial members have no voting rights at the General Assembly and Committees.

### 2. DISCUSSION

Since commercial companies were admitted within IALA as members after the 1965 IALA Conference they have worked towards the success of IALA by providing their technical expertise to the Committees in almost all topics covered by the Committee work programmes. At a time when national members have less resources to devote to research and development the industrial members’ contribution to the work of IALA is vital for the organisation to remain a centre of excellence.

Industrial members interact with each other to help ensure their products are reliable, durable and conform to the latest IALA standards.

At their mid-term General Meeting in 2016 the industrial members reiterated their support to the IALA project to change its status to that of an intergovernmental organization, which would preserve their status and role within the marine aids to navigation community.

### 3. THE CONFERENCE IS INVITED TO

- **Note** the information provided.

ANNEX – CV for Lars Mansner

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<sup>1</sup> The IMC Bye-Laws are now part of the IALA Basic Documents available from the IALA Website at: <http://www.iala-aism.org/content/uploads/2016/09/IALA-Basic-Documents-reformatted-Final.pdf>