

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
14th session**



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Brazil**

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Note by the secretariat.

1. BACKGROUND

The General Assembly, at its forthcoming session, is required, in accordance with Article 7 and 8 of the Constitution and Article 3 of the General Regulations, to elect, for the period until a new election takes place at the next regular session of the General Assembly, the members of the Council.

The Council (Constitution Art. 8)

IALA is administered by a Council comprising up to twenty-one elected Councillors and three non-elected Councillors as follows:

Elected Councillors:

- the Heads of National member authorities or their representatives elected by ballot of all National members attending a General Assembly; only one National member from any country may be elected to the Council;
- elected Councillors shall, as far as possible, be drawn from different parts of the world with a view to achieving as widespread a representation as possible;

Non-elected Councillors:

- the Head, from time to time, of the National Authority of the IALA Host nation or his/her representative;
- the Head, from time to time, of the National Authority of the country wherein the next IALA Conference will be held or his/her representative;
- the Head, from time to time, of the National Authority of the country wherein the last Conference was held or his/her representative.

The post of Councillor is honorary.

Election Procedure (General Regulations Art. 3.5)

- 3 A vote to elect Councillors from amongst those nominated will be conducted by secret ballot.
- 4 The Secretariat shall produce a ballot form for nominees for the Council and each National member shall have one vote for each vacant seat on the Council.
- 5 The Chair shall appoint two scrutineers from amongst the members who have not been nominated for the Council, who shall proceed to scrutinize the votes cast and the counting of votes by the Secretariat.



6 If two or more candidates obtain the same number for the last seat or seats to be filled, there shall be a further ballot from among these candidates only. Should the votes again be divided equally, the Chair shall draw by lot the name of the candidate to be eliminated in any subsequent ballot.

7 When voting and counting are completed the Chair shall confirm the election and invite the newly elected Council to take up their duties.

8 The term of the Council is from confirmation of its election until the election of a new Council at the following ordinary General Assembly.

Electronic voting procedures

Each head of delegation of the National member who are represented at the General Assembly will receive an anonymous envelope with a code for voting. Only the head of delegation will know the code. The envelopes will be distributed on site, so only those who are physically present will receive an envelope.

Each delegation is requested to bring a tablet/smart phone and the head of delegation downloads the application and register with his/her code and conduct the voting when announced by the Chair. The system does not allow used codes to be re-used.

The voting system will generate the result and the necessary reports.

The Chair can announce the preliminary result.

The scrutineers can proceed to scrutinize the votes cast and the counting of votes by the voting system. The scrutineers will not be able to establish a link between the codes and National members. Only the National member themselves will be able to do that if they so wish.

The report from the scrutineers will be made public as an output document when finalized and the heads of delegation is welcome to control their ballot marked with his/her code.

The electronic voting system (X Vote)

The voting system will be delivered by X Vote SISTEMAS DE VOTAÇÃO ELETRÔNICA LTDA, registered under CNPJ nº 39.271.413/0001-46, headquartered at Avenida Mem de Sá, 72 – Group: 103 – Centro – Rio de Janeiro – RJ – zip code 20.230-152. The company has successfully delivered electronic voting support to several costumers.

The system is prepared to avoid attacks as SQL Injection, XSS, MIM etc. The database is not accessible outside the container network that is inside the VPC. The database and the VPC have a firewall. Systems can only be accessed from a whitelist Ips, and database users used by the API's have low privilege. The security procedures will be monitored by an onsite monitoring team during the voting.

More information can be found on the company web site: <https://www.xvote.com.br/home>

The system was successfully demonstrated to the Council at the 76th session in Rio de Janeiro.

National members seeking election

The Secretary-General has in accordance with General Regulations Article 3.5 received communication from interested National members, the text of which are contained in the annex to this document.

Any further candidatures received after the issuance of this document will be transmitted to the General Assembly in an appropriate addendum.



2. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In the proceeding with the election of the members of the Council for the next period the General Assembly is invited to take **note** of the information provided in this document and its annex.



ANNEX

Communications received in accordance with the General Regulation Article 3.5 from the following candidates for the Council in countries' alphabetic order in English language:

- Australia
- Brazil*
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Denmark
- Finland
- France*
- Germany
- Haiti
- India*
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea (Republic of)
- Malaysia
- Morocco
- Norway
- Russian Federation
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- The United Kingdom
- Türkiye
- Ukraine
- United States of America

The full text can be found in document A14-9.1.

*Non-elected Council members:

- France: Direction des Affaires Maritimes
- India: Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships
- Brazil: Centro de Sinalização Náutica “Almirante Moraes Rego”