



Report of an Inter-session meeting of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel

12-13 January 2016

Executive Summary

An inter-sessional meeting of the **Legal Advisory Panel** was held on 12th and 13th January 2016 at IALA Headquarters with Jon Price in the Chair. The Secretary for the meeting was the IALA Technical Operations Manager, Marie-Helene Grillet. The meeting was attended by 12 participants representing 7 National Members.

The aim of the meeting was to produce draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations for IALA as an IGO, for consideration by LAP16.

The meeting was also an opportunity to brief the participants on the Council's decision regarding the draft Convention text and the Basic Documents for IALA as an NGO, the latter being used as a basis for the production of the draft General Regulations.

Some reservations have been made on the draft Convention text but the Council approved it as a basis for diplomatic action.

The meeting generated one document comprising the General Regulations and the Financial Regulations as an annex. The document will need to be refined before LAP16 to prepare an input paper expanding on IALA conferences and symposiums and with an additional article on the Organization's dissolution and winding up.



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General

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China	YANG Liang WANG Yilin HUANG Chan
Finland	Matti ERRONEN
Japan	Hideki NOGUCHI
Netherlands	Maarten BERREVOETS
Norway	Henning OSNES TEIGENE
Sweden	Lisa LEWANDER
UK	Jon PRICE
IALA	Francis ZACHARIAE Marie-Hélène GRILLET Christine PHILIP

1 Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

2 Update on Council decisions regarding

2.1 IALA Basic Documents (as NGO)

Secretary-General Francis Zachariae reported that the document was well received although the Councillors were of the opinion that they had not been given enough time to consider it prior to the meeting.

The Basic Documents were approved in principle for the Secretary-General starting to apply them but further comments were requested for a further review at IALA Council 62.

2.2 Draft Convention text

Secretary-General Francis Zachariae reported on the reservations made by both Finland and Japan, however all Councillors including Finland and Japan approved the draft text for use as a basis for diplomatic action by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He then reported that such action, which had been planned for early 2016, was likely to be postponed until the draft General Regulations are available so that countries can be circulated with one information package containing both the draft Convention text and draft General Regulations, including the Finance Regulations.

3 Draft General Regulations for IALA as an IGO

The draft was prepared by the LAP Vice-Chair Henning Osnes Teigene, based on the Basic Documents of the current IALA with cross references to the draft Convention text. Details were added to the section referring to associate and affiliate membership, and voting procedures.

The remaining issues were the winding up of the current IALA, which needs to be addressed in the General Regulations and the relevance of having industrial membership as a sub membership category, especially with regards to their specific fund.

The group reviewed the draft General Regulations and made amendments to the document for consideration at the next LAP meeting in April and subsequently the meeting of the Change of Status Advisory Group in May 2016.

The only section that remained open at the close of the meeting is dealing with conferences and symposiums, for which China offered to prepare a draft text.

In addition to this open section the group was of the opinion that a further article was needed on dissolution/winding up; so far only the financial aspects are dealt with in the Financial Regulations. It was agreed that the LAP Chair and Vice-Chair, with the support of the Secretariat, should prepare such a draft article for LAP16.

It was agreed to include a summary table of membership rights and the Financial Regulations as annexes to the General Regulations.

The amended document was circulated to all participants at the close of the meeting and will be submitted as an input paper to LAP16.

➔ **Action item:** *YANG Liang to send a draft text for the section of the draft General Regulations on conferences and symposiums.*

➔ **Action item:** *The LAP Chair and Vice-Chair and the Secretariat to prepare a draft article on dissolution/Winding up for the General Regulations, for consideration by LAP16.*

4 Draft Financial Regulations

The draft Financial Regulations were reviewed and amended and attached to the General Regulations as an annex.

5 Any other business

There was no other business for the meeting.

6 Review of output papers

The only output paper was the revised draft General Regulations that includes the revised Financial Regulations.

7 Review of action items

The two action item are for China to provide a draft text for the section of the General Regulations dealing with conferences and symposiums and for the LAP Chair and Vice Chair and the Secretariat to prepare a draft article on dissolution/winding up for the General Regulations, for consideration by LAP16.

8 Approval of the meeting report

Due to the short time remaining it was agreed that the meeting report would be agreed by correspondence.

ANNEX - MEETING AGENDA**Inter-sessional Meeting of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel**

An inter-sessional meeting of the IALA **Legal Advisory Panel** will be held on 12th and 13th January 2016. The venue for the meeting is IALA Headquarters in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France.

The meeting will commence at 1000 hours on 12th January and is expected to finish at 1600 hours on the 13th.

AGENDA***(2015-12-15)***

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Update of Council decisions regarding
 - 2.1. IALA Basic Documents (as NGO)
 - 2.2. Draft Convention text
3. Draft General Regulations for IALA as an IGO
4. Draft Financial Regulations
5. Any Other Business
6. Review of Output Papers
7. Review of Action Items
8. Approval of Final Report