

ANNEX C Terms of Reference – Legal Advisory Panel

1. Introduction

The aim of IALA is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonisation of aids to navigation worldwide and other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the environment.

At the 36th Session of the IALA Council (Strategy Group – June, 2005) the Council approved the establishment of a Legal Advisory Panel to advise IALA on legal issues in support of its aim.

2. Objectives

The role of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel (LAP) is to assist IALA with legal advice concerning governance, administration and operation of IALA.

Its scope shall include

- i) Providing legal support to the Council as required;
 - ii) Responding to issues and concerns that may be raised through the IALA Secretariat;
 - iii) Responding to requests from IALA Committees and other IALA bodies for legal advice
 - iv) Providing IALA with information on legal issues that result, or may result from, providing guidance to the membership in the provision of Aids to Navigation Services;
 - v) Preparing draft documentation / guidelines on items of common concern;
 - vi)
 - vii) Identifying where external legal advice may be needed and assisting with the preparation of requests/briefs for such advice, as appropriate;
 - viii) Reviewing, updating, advising and reporting to the Council on the IALA Risk Registers.
- Providing a forum to discuss legal matters of common interest;

3. Composition

Participation is open to all IALA National Members.

The Chair may also invite representation at meetings from relevant International Organizations, experts and such other bodies as may assist the LAP in its work.

4. Deliverables

The LAP shall deliver reports of each of its meetings to the IALA Council.

The LAP shall draft IALA documentation / input to all IALA bodies and other organizations as required.

5. Procedures



The LAP will normally meet biannually. Meetings may be held more frequently, if deemed necessary by the Chair and agreed by the Secretary-General. Intersessional meetings may be arranged.

The LAP will also make use of electronic tools (e-mail, discussion forums, teleconference / computer conference) to augment such meetings, as required to progress its work.

6. Review

These terms of reference shall be reviewed by the LAP at least every four years following the General Assembly and any proposed changes submitted to the Council for approval.