



8 – STRATEGY AND POLICY

8.6 Term and termination of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair appointments

Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

The Basic Documents prescribe how the Chairs and Vice-chairs of Committees should be appointed.

There is no mechanism for termination of an appointment for cause, and no maximum term. There is no automatic termination at the end of a working period of four years, at which time we normally make changes to Committee responsibilities and sometime Committee names.

2. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Basic Documents.

3. DISCUSSION

The Basic Documents, General Regulations, Article 6 - Committees and other bodies in clause 6.2 prescribe how Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs are appointed:

6.2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- 1 Each Committee will have a Chair and Vice Chair appointed by the Council.
- 2 Nominations for these positions may be made by National members or the Secretary-General. When a vacancy arises, the Secretariat will inform National members of the vacancy and seek nominations in an open and timely manner, including providing advice to National members of the process for selection of the successful candidate. The Secretariat will inform Council of all nominations and the Council will determine the successful candidate.
- 3 Chairs and Vice Chairs of Working Groups should normally be provided by National members and appointed by the Chair of the Committee. However, where appropriate they may be drawn from other members or Sister Organizations.

The Secretariat recommends the addition of three additional paragraphs as follows.

4. Appointments of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs will expire at the end of each four-year work period, ~~that is after the last meeting of the respective Committee before an IALA Conference~~ immediately prior to a General Assembly.
5. The term for Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs should not exceed two work periods, that is eight years.
6. Termination of the appointment of a Committee Chair or Vice Chair may be made for cause by the Council on the advice of the Secretary-General.

The Secretariat suggests that these changes will be important as IALA moves towards IGO status.

7. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO



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Approve the additional text.