

Terms of Reference for the Legal Advisory Panel

Background

In accordance with the Convention, Article 6, 1 (c), the Organization shall have Committees and subsidiary bodies necessary to support the Organizations' activities. In Article 6.3, it is stated that the General Regulations and Financial Regulations shall detail the Rules of Procedure that shall apply for each organ which are detailed in Article 3 of the General Regulations.

Name of committee or subsidiary body

Legal Advisory Panel (LAP)

Participation

Legal experts and other appropriate representatives from Member States and Associate Members are eligible to participate in the Committees. Other participants may be invited at the discretion of the Chair.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the LAP is to provide legal support and advice to the Council, the committees, the Secretariat and other bodies of IALA.

Its objectives can include:

- a) Providing legal support to the Council as required.
- b) Responding to issues and concerns that may be raised through the Secretariat.
- c) Responding to requests from committees and other bodies for legal advice.
- d) Providing IALA with information on legal issues that result, or may result from, providing guidance to the membership in the provision of Marine Aids to Navigation.
- e) Preparing draft documentation/guidelines on items of common concern.
- f) Identifying where external legal advice may be needed and assisting with the preparation of requests/briefs for such advice and the follow up, as appropriate.
- g) Providing a forum to discuss legal matters of common interest.

Activities

The duration of meetings shall normally be two days during February to April and September to November.

Meetings may be organized in the format of either a physical, virtual or hybrid event.

Deliverables

The LAP shall deliver reports of each of its meetings to the Council and input to IALA organs as required.