

TRANSITION COUNCIL
3rd session



10-13 December 2024
Headquarters, France

14.1 – First General Assembly, Singapore

14.1.3 Approval of submissions to the GA

Note by the Secretariat

BACKGROUND

The attached draft agenda for the General Assembly, scheduled for 18-21 February 2025, has been prepared in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, Article 3 of the Association's General Regulations, and Article 3 of the Organization's draft General Regulations.

Enclosed, you will find the proposed structure of the General Assembly and draft documents that are not administrative in nature (underlined).

Some of these documents were approved by the Council through a silence procedure on 15 October. However, due to recent developments regarding the HQ agreement and communications with the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, minor adjustments have been made.

The financial documents will be prepared at a later stage, as several factors—such as tax and social charges—are still pending decisions by the French authorities.

THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO

Note the information provided and decide on the arrangement and submission to the General Assembly.

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a– Adoption of the Agenda

*a.1.1 Organization of the
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Provisional Agenda

(a) Adoption of the agenda

a.1.1 Provisional Agenda

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(b) Approval of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations

b.1.1 An explanatory note on the process.

b.1.2 The draft General Regulation and Financial regulation

b.1.3 The draft resolution

(c) Election of the President and the Vice President

c.1 An explanatory note with procedure, candidates etc.

c.2.1-c.2.x The letters with candidates

(d) Report of the Secretary-General

d.1 The report

(e) Election of the Council

e.1 An explanatory note with procedure, candidates etc.

e.2.1-e.2.x The letters with candidates

(f) Election of the Secretary-General

f.1 An explanatory note with procedures, candidates etc.

f.2.1 – f.2.x The letters with candidates

(g) Establishment and termination of Committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approval of their Terms of Reference

g.1.1 An explanatory note with the proposal on committees

g.1.2 A draft resolution including Terms of References

g.2.1 An explanatory note with proposals for subsidiary bodies

g.2.2 A draft resolution including terms of References



(h) Review and approval of the financial arrangements

h.1.1 An explanatory note on the financial arrangements

h.1.2 A draft resolution

(i) Transfer of the strategic vision

i.1.1 An explanatory note on the strategic vision

i.1.2 The draft Strategic Vision

i.1.3 A draft resolution

(j) Transfer of standards and other relevant papers

j.1.1 An explanatory note on standards, recommendations, guidelines and model courses and other appropriate papers

j.1.2 A resolution on approval of standards, and a draft resolution on transfer of other documents.

(k) Decision on Associate membership

k.1 A note explaining the procedure

k.2.1-k.2.x The candidates (Faroe Island etc.)

(l) Consideration of reports and proposals received from Member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

l.1.1 An explanatory note on ILOAT

l.1.2 A draft resolution on ILOAT

l.2.1 An explanatory note on the HQ agreement

l.2.2 A draft resolution on noting the HQ agreement

l.3.1 An explanatory note on next session of the General Assembly

l.3.2 A draft resolution on the next session of the General Assembly

l.4.1 An explanatory note on the declaration on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation

l.4.2 The draft Declaration on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation

l.5.1 Memoranda of Understanding with Korea, Malaysia and Singapore

l.6.1 Approve agreements with States and international organizations

l.6.2 A draft resolution on agreement with IMO and IHO

(m) Any other business

m.1.1 An explanatory note the People's Republic of China's representation

m.1.2 The draft resolution on People's Republic of China's representation

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

Approve the agenda of the General Assembly.

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a– Adoption of the Agenda

*a.1.2 Organization of the
General Assembly*

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

The General Assembly is being convened in Singapore, at the kind invitation of the Government of Singapore.

Duration of the Conference and events

Provision have been made for a four-day Conference to be held from Tuesday, 18 February, to Friday, 21 February 2025.

A Seminar on Safety of Navigation will be arranged by the World-Wide Academy on Monday 17 February.

A welcome reception is scheduled Monday evening on 17 February and a dinner Wednesday evening on 19 February 2024.

Opening of the Conference

The Conference will open on Tuesday, 18 February 2024, at 10.30.

Meeting of Heads of Delegations

A meeting of Heads of Delegations will be convened prior to the formal opening of the General Assembly, in order to discuss certain organizational and procedural matters. Accordingly, the meeting of Heads of Delegations will be held on Tuesday, 18 February 2024 at 9.30.

Structure of the Conference

It is proposed that, in addition to the Plenary, the General Assembly shall establish a Credentials Committee composed of three members appointed by the Plenary on the proposal of the President. The Credentials Committee will elect its own Chair.

The General Assembly of the Affiliate Industrial Members will take place Monday 17 February at 14.00.

Interpretation and records of decisions

As agreed at the Diplomatic Conference in Kuala Lumpur on 28 February 2020, Resolution 1, the General Assembly shall be conducted in the official language, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. All input papers in the form of draft resolutions and the report, shall be translated into the official languages.

The Credentials Committee will work in English only.

The financial provisions for the General Assembly envisage that only one team of interpreters will be available. Accordingly, only one meeting requiring interpretation can be held at any time, with Plenary taking precedence.

Annex

PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 to 21 February 2024

Conference Bodies	Monday 17 February		Tuesday 18 February		Wednesday 19 February		Thursday 20 February		Friday 21 February	
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
WWA VDES Seminar										
WWA Seminar on Safety of Navigation										
Welcome Reception										
Heads of Delegations										
Opening Plenary										
Credentials Committee										
1 st Meeting of Council										
Dinner										

Provisional timetable (Agenda)

Day	Agenda item
Monday, 17 February	Morning (08:30 – 12:15) : WWA VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) Seminar Lunch (12:15 – 13:30) Afternoon : WWA Seminar on Safety of Navigation Evening : Welcome reception

Tuesday, 18 February	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>(a) Adoption of the agenda (l) Consideration of reports and proposals received from Member States, the Council or the Secretary-General (I.4.1, I.4.2) (d) Report of the Secretary-General (b) Approval of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations</p>
Wednesday, 19 February	<p>(b) Approval of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations (c) Election of the President and the Vice President (g) Establishment and termination of Committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approval of their Terms of Reference (h) Review and approval of the financial arrangements (i) Approval of the strategic vision (j) Approval of standards (k) Decision on Associate membership (m) Any other business</p>
Thursday, 20 February	<p>(l) Consideration of reports and proposals received from Member States, the Council or the Secretary-General (remaining) (e) Election of the Council (f) Election of the Secretary-General (m) Any other business</p>
Friday, 21 February	A.m. Reserve day

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g– Establishment and termination of committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approval of their Terms of Reference

g.1.1– Note with the proposal on Committees

Establishment of Committees and Approval of their Terms of Reference

Submitted by the Secretariat

BACKGROUND

In accordance with No. 2 of the transitional arrangements of the Convention the Committees of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities shall operate until Committees are established under the Convention. According to Article 7.7 (f) the General Assembly shall establish and approve their Terms of Reference.

DISCUSSION

The present committees and their four-yearly work program was agreed at the General Assembly held in Rio de Janeiro in May/June 2023. In ensuring a smooth transition from the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization and to secure the continuation of the technical work of the Committees during this time, the transitional Council proposes to keep the four Committees from the Association:

- AtoN Requirements and Management (ARM)
- Engineering and Sustainability (ENG)
- Digital Technologies (DTEC)
- Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)

as the Committees of the Organization.

The draft Terms of Reference have been developed in line with the Convention and the draft General Regulations and apply to all Committees of the Organization in order to provide good governance and secure a smooth and harmonized operation in the work of all Committees.



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

The General Assembly is requested to establish the Committees and approve their respective Terms of Reference.

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g– Establishment and termination of Committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approval of their Terms of Reference

g.1.2– Resolution on the Establishment of Committees and their Terms of Reference

Resolution GA01-02

Adopted on ###.###.####
Agenda item g.

Establishment of the Committees of the Organization and approval of their Terms of Reference
(effective immediately)

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the transitional arrangements annexed to the Convention which agree on the operation of the Committees of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities, until the Organization establishes Committees under the Convention;

MINDFUL OF the provision of Article 7.7 (f) of the Convention which requires the General Assembly to establish and terminate Committees and approve their Terms of Reference;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the four Committees, AtoN Requirements and Management (ARM), Engineering and Sustainability (ENG), Digital Technologies (DTEC) and Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) and their Terms of Reference in the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities which have been confirmed at last General Assembly of the association in 2023;

AIMING FOR continuity in ensuring a smooth transition from the association to the Organization related to the technical work of the Committees and their work programme:

1. ESTABLISHES the four Committees, AtoN Requirements and Management (ARM), Engineering and Sustainability (ENG), Digital Technologies (DTEC) and Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) as the Committees of the Organization;
2. APPROVES the Terms of Reference for the four Committees of the Organization as set out in the Annex to this Resolution;
3. RESOLVES that Resolution shall take effect immediately in line with the transitional arrangements of the Convention.



ANNEX

Terms of Reference for the Committees

Background

In accordance with the Convention, Article 6.1 (c), the Organization shall have Committees and subsidiary bodies necessary to support the Organization's activities. In the Convention, 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.

The Convention Article 7.7 (f) states, that the General Assembly shall establish and terminate Committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approve their Terms of Reference.

Name of Committees

Marine Aids to Navigation Requirements and Management (ARM) Committee

Engineering and Sustainability (ENG) Committee

Digital Technologies (DTEC) Committee

Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Committee

Participation

Representatives from Member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members and upon invitation by the Secretary-General individuals of academic, research or other relevant organizations are eligible to participate in the Committee.

Aims and Objectives

The Committees will support the aims and objectives of the Organization by:

- a) Providing guidance that assists governments and national authorities to meet their obligations under SOLAS and to plan, implement and deliver AtoN in a consistent and harmonized manner.
- b) Respond to technological and operational changes meeting emerging needs and developments.
- c) Prepare and review standards, recommendations, guidelines, manuals and model courses specifically related to the risk management, requirements, establishment, operation, training and management of AtoN to contribute to achieving its worldwide harmonization.

Activities

Committee meetings shall normally be held twice a year, at a period during February to April and September to November, at the seat of the Organization. Exceptionally they may be held elsewhere, with the approval of the Secretary-General.



Intersessional meetings of a working group or a task group may also be held between two meetings of the parent Committee in accordance with the General Regulations.

All activities may be organized in the format of either a physical, virtual or hybrid event as required.

The Committee may propose events that will assist its work programme such as seminars, workshops and other events.

Deliverables

The Committees shall develop and work to a work programme in accordance with the General Regulations, Article 11.8.

The deliverables of the Committees are:

- a) Prepare and review standards, recommendations, guidelines, manuals, model courses and other appropriate documents identified in the work programmes specifically related to the risk management, requirements, establishment, operation, training and management of AtoN to contribute to achieving its worldwide harmonization.;
- b) Monitor developments in the area of Marine Aids to Navigation;
- c) Liaise and facilitate the sharing of expertise and experience amongst Member States; Associate Members and Affiliate Members; and
- d) Conduct any other tasks as decided by the Council.

Relationship with other bodies

Internal organs

As stated in the General Regulations Article 11.21, output documents are documents completed by the Committee and approved by the Council or the General Assembly, in the case of standards.

The Policy Advisory Panel (PAP) provides policy advice for consideration by the Council and co-ordinates the work of the committees.

The Legal Advisory Panel (LAP) provides legal support and advice to the committees, the Secretariat and other bodies of IALA.

The committee's progress with its work and achievement of its deliverables shall be reported to the Council and the Policy Advisory Panel at regular intervals.

Committees should collaborate together on cross committee work items and developments.

External bodies

The Committee shall monitor and assist developments relevant to AtoN in bodies external to IALA, such as IMO and the IHO, if necessary to achieve the committees aims and objectives.

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g.2.1– Note with the proposal on subsidiary bodies

Establishment of subsidiary bodies and approval of their Terms of Reference

Submitted by the Secretariat

BACKGROUND

According to the Convention Article 7.7 (f) the General Assembly shall establish subsidiary bodies and approve their Terms of Reference.

DISCUSSION

In ensuring a smooth transition from the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization and to secure the continuation of the work of the subsidiary bodies, the transitional Council proposes to keep the two subsidiary bodies from the association:

- Policy Advisory Panel (PAP)
- Legal Advisory Panel (LAP)

as the subsidiary bodies of the Organization.

The draft Terms of Reference have been developed in line with the Convention and the draft General Regulations.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

The General Assembly is requested to establish the subsidiary bodies and approve their Terms of Reference.

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g.2.2– Resolution on the Establishment of subsidiary bodies and their Terms of Reference

Resolution GA01-03

Adopted on ##.##.####

Agenda item g.

Establishment of the subsidiary bodies of the Organization and approval of their Terms of Reference

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the transitional arrangements annexed to the Convention;

MINDFUL OF the provision of Article 7.7 (f) of the Convention which requires the General Assembly to establish subsidiary bodies and approve their Terms of Reference;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the existence and service of the Policy Advisory Penal (PAP) and the Legal Advisory Penal (LAP) in the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities;

AIMING FOR continuity in ensuring a smooth transition from the association to the Organization:

1. ESTABLISHES the Policy Advisory Penal (PAP) and the Legal Advisory Penal (LAP) as subsidiary bodies of the Organization;
2. APPROVES the respective Terms of Reference for the Policy Advisory Penal and the Legal Advisory Penal as subsidiary bodies of the Organization as set out in the Annex to this Resolution;
3. RESOLVES that the Resolution shall take effect immediately in line with the transitional arrangements annexed to the Convention.



ANNEX

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 Organization's activities. In the Convention 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.

The Convention Article 7.7 (f) states, that the General Assembly establish and terminate Committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approve their Terms of Reference.

Name of subsidiary body

Legal Advisory Panel (LAP)

Participation

Legal experts and other appropriate representatives from Member States are eligible to participate in the LAP. 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 may 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 information on legal issues that result, or may result from, providing guidance on 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 as required.

Deliverables

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



Terms of Reference for the Policy Advisory Panel

Background

In accordance with the Convention, Article 6.1 (c), the Organization shall have Committees and subsidiary bodies necessary to support the Organization's activities. In Convention, 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.

The Convention Article 7.7 (f) states, that the General Assembly establish and terminate Committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approve their Terms of Reference.

Name of subsidiary body

Policy Advisory Panel (PAP)

Participation

The membership of the Policy Advisory Panel will be as follows:

- Deputy Secretary-General (Chair)
- Chairs of all committees
- Vice-chairs of all committees
- Chair of Legal Advisory Panel
- Dean of the World-Wide Academy
- Representative of the Industrial Members Committee
- Technical Operations Manager
- Events and Documents Co-ordinator/Communication officer
- Committee Secretaries.

Other participants may be invited by the Chair to participate, to provide specialist advice.

The Chair of the Policy Advisory Panel will be the Deputy Secretary-General.

Aims and Objectives

In accordance with the Convention Article 9.1, the Panel will support the aims and objectives of the Organization by:

- a) Proposing the meeting dates of all committees for a given year for approval by the Secretary-General at least one year in advance and such dates are advertised to all members through the website.



- b) Considering and advising the Council and the Secretariat on policy and strategy matters concerning the development and harmonisation of Marine Aids to Navigation systems, with specific emphasis on the Strategic Vision.
- c) Co-ordinating the work of the committees and providing a forum for chairs to share progress, challenges and operations to provide a collegiate delivery of the various work plans with the Secretariat.
- d) Carry out such other work as the Council may from time to time require.

Activities

The Policy Advisory Panel should normally hold meetings at least twice each year. Meetings may be held more frequently if deemed necessary by the Chair and agreed by the Secretary-General.

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

Deliverables

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

Relationship with other bodies

Internal organs

The Policy Advisory Panel will produce a written report of each meeting and the Chair will report the advice of the Policy Advisory Panel to the Council at the next Council meeting after a meeting of the Policy Advisory Panel.

The Policy Advisory Panel (PAP) provides policy advice for consideration by the Council and to co-ordinate the work of the committees.

The Legal Advisory Panel (LAP) provides legal support and advice to the committees and the Policy Advisory Panel, the Secretariat and other bodies of IALA.

A committee's progress with its work and achievement of its deliverables shall be reported to the Council and the Policy Advisory Panel at regular intervals.

External bodies

The Policy Advisory Panel shall monitor developments relevant to Marine Aids to Navigation in bodies external to IALA, such as IMO and the IHO, as necessary to achieve IALAs aims and objectives.

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i– Approval of the strategic vision

i.1.1– Note on the strategic vision

Approval of the strategic vision

Submitted by the Council

BACKGROUND

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities had a strategic vision which was developed by a strategy drafting group elected from among the Council members. The last revision of the strategic vision of the association was accepted by its General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro in June 2023.

With the winding up of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities, the strategic vision will not be automatically the strategic vision of the Organization.

As long as the Organization has not undertaken the task to develop a new strategic vision, the transition Council recommends adopting the strategic vision including the current driver and trends of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities as the strategic vision of the Organization.

The Secretariat will carry out the necessary editorial changes to adapt the strategic vision and the current driver and trends to the Organization.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

The General Assembly is requested to approve the strategic vision of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities as the strategic vision of the Organization.

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i– Approval of the strategic vision

i.1.3– Resolution on the strategic vision

Resolution GA01-05

Adopted on ##.##.####
Agenda item I.

Approval of the strategic vision
(effective immediately)

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the strategic vision of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities;

MINDFUL OF, Article 7.7 (b) of the Convention and of the decision of the transition Council to transfer the strategic vision of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization;

RECOGNIZING the need for a smooth transition from the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that unless the Organization will complete the work on a reviewed strategic vision, the strategic vision of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities should be the strategic vision of the Organization;

1. TRANSFER the strategic vision of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities as the strategic vision of the Organization;

2. INSTRUCTS the Secretariat to carry out the necessary editorial changes in adapting the text of the strategic vision from the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization.

3. RESOLVES that the Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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j– Approval of the documents

j.1.1– Note with explanation

Approval of the transfer of official documents from the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation

Submitted by the Secretariat

BACKGROUND

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities published standards, recommendations, guidelines, manuals, model courses and other documents related to Marine Aids to Navigation. These documents have been published either in writing, on the homepage of the association or both in writing and digital. All of these documents have been essential to the aims and objectives of the association especially with regard to the improvement and international harmonization of Marine Aids to Navigation for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the marine environment.

With the winding-up of the association, it will legally cease to exist. All its documents will remain those of the association. The entry into force of the Convention has established the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation as an intergovernmental organization. However, the Organization has not adopted any documents. There is no automatic transfer of documents as both the association and the Organization are different legal entities. As a consequence, it will be necessary for the Organization to formally transfer all of the official technical documents of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization with a decision by the General Assembly.

The Secretariat will carry out the necessary editorial changes to adapt the respective documents being recognized as those of the Organization.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

The General Assembly is requested to approve the transfer of standards, recommendations, guidelines, model course and all other documents related to Marine Aids to Navigation of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization.

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j– Transfer of the documents

j.1.2– Resolution on the documents

Resolution GA01--06

Adopted on ##.##.####
Agenda item j.
(effective immediately)

Transfer of standards, recommendations and guidelines, manuals, model courses and all other published documents from the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the purpose of the transitional arrangements to ensure the uninterrupted international efforts to develop, improve and harmonize Marine Aids to Navigation;

MINDFUL OF the provisions of Article 7.7 (i) and (n) of the Convention which requires the General Assembly to approve standards and to decide on any other matter within the aims and objectives of the Organization;

RECOGNIZING the need to officially transfer the standards, recommendations, guidelines, manuals model courses and all other published technical documents of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities to the Organization to facilitate the transition from the association to the Organization;

1. DECIDES that the standards, recommendations, guidelines, manuals, model courses and other appropriate documents of the International Association for Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities shall be the standards, recommendations, guidelines, manuals, model courses and other appropriate documents of the Organization until replaced or reviewed by the respective organs of the Organization in accordance with the Convention;

2. RESOLVES that they shall take effect immediately.

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I-Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

I.1.1– Note on the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization

**Note on the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization
(ILOAT)**

Submitted by the Secretary-General

BACKGROUND

By becoming an intergovernmental organization the Organization no longer falls automatically under the jurisdiction of the French judiciary system. This applies specifically to all matters regarding the relation between the Organization and its staff such as the terms of employment or the provisions of the Staff Rules. In the final appeals procedure foreseen in the Staff Rules and as approved by the transition Council the Organization recognizes the jurisdiction of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Organization needs to formally recognize the jurisdiction of the ILOAT by presenting its willingness to accept the jurisdiction of the Administrative Tribunal to the Director-General of ILOAT. The Administrative Tribunal then proceeds subject to its own rules to accept the Organization's willingness to recognize the ILOAT's jurisdiction.

This follows a formalized procedure according to the statute of the ILOAT.

According to the Convention, Article 7.7 (m) the General Assembly approves agreements with international organizations.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

The General Assembly is requested to empower the Secretary-General to undertake all necessary steps in line with the acceptance procedure of the ILOAT to get the jurisdiction of the ILOAT recognized for the Organization.

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I-Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

I.1.2– Resolution on ILOAT

Resolution GA01-07

Adopted on ##.##.####
Agenda item I.

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the decision of the transition Council in line with the transitional arrangements annexed to the Convention to accept the jurisdiction of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization (ILOAT) for the Organization;

RECALLING FURTHER the importance of protecting the staff of the Organization by allowing the ILOAT to hear complaints of the terms of employment or provisions of the Staff Rules, as far as all other measures of solving the conflict are exhausted;

MINDFUL OF the provision of Article 7.7 (m) of the Convention which requires the General Assembly to approve agreements with States and international organizations;

EMPOWERS the Secretary-General of the Organization to undertake all necessary steps in line with the acceptance procedure of the ILOAT to get the recognition of the jurisdiction of the ILOAT for the Organization.

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I-Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

I.2.1– Note on the HQ agreement

Approval of the Headquarters Agreement between the Organization and the French Republic

Submitted by the Secretary-General

BACKGROUND

International Governmental Organizations agree on Headquarters Agreements with their respective host nation. In these Headquarters Agreement the privileges and immunities of the Organization and its staff in the territory of the host nation are agreed.

The Organization and the French Republic have agreed a final draft of the Headquarters Agreement.. As it can take up to two years before the formal procedure for such agreements in France are finalized, a temporary arrangement with the same content (“ordonnance”) will be established in order for the Organization and its staff to benefit from the rights and privileges. This is in accordance with the normal procedure for International Organizations in France.

The agreement deals with the rights and obligations inter alia in relation to the premises of the Organization, immunity and tax exemption, the rights of the representatives of Member States and resident permits for staff members. Article 13 specifically mentions the rights of staff members to remain in the French social security system in case the Organization wishes to do so.

The text of the Headquarters Agreement of the Organization resembles those of other International Organizations which have their headquarters on French territory and the French Republic as the host nation and depository of the respective Convention.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Headquarters Agreement was negotiated between the Secretary-General of the International Association for Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs alongside the developments of the change of status and in line with the transitional arrangements of the Convention.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS INVITED TO

Approve the establishment of an HQ agreement in line with the final draft as in the annex to resolution GA01-08, paper GA01-i.2.2.

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I-Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

I.2.2– Resolution on the Headquarters Agreement

Resolution GA01-08

Adopted on ##.##.####
Agenda item I

Confirmation of the Headquarters Agreement between the Organization and the French Republic
(effective immediately)

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING that International Governmental Organizations sign “Headquarters Agreements” with their host nation including all the rights and obligations of the Organization and its staff within the territory of the host nation;

MINDFUL OF the provision of Article 7.7 (m) of the Convention which requires the General Assembly to approve agreements with States;

APPROVES to establish a Headquarters Agreement between the Organization and the French Republic as set out in the Annex to this resolution.

Annex

Draft HQ Agreement

ACCORD

ENTRE

L'ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES AIDES A LA NAVIGATION MARITIME

ET

LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

RELATIF AU SIEGE DE L'ORGANISATION

L'ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES AIDES A LA NAVIGATION MARITIME (ci-après « l'Organisation ») ET LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE (ci-après « le Gouvernement ») ;

CONSIDERANT la Convention de l'Organisation Internationale pour les Aides à la Navigation Maritime ;

CONSIDERANT qu'aux termes de l'article 1.3 de la Convention de l'Organisation Internationale pour les Aides à la Navigation Maritime, le siège de l'Organisation Internationale pour les Aides à la Navigation Maritime est situé en France ;

DÉSIRANT définir les privilèges et les immunités dont l'Organisation et son personnel bénéficient sur le territoire français ;

SONT CONVENUS DE CE QUI SUIT :

ARTICLE 1 Personnalité juridique

Le Gouvernement reconnaît la personnalité juridique de l'Organisation sur le territoire de la République française, et sa capacité, notamment :

- a) de contracter ;
- b) d'acquérir ou aliéner des biens immobiliers et mobiliers ;
- c) d'ester en justice.

ARTICLE 2 Inviolabilité des locaux de l'Organisation

- 1) Les locaux de l'Organisation sont inviolables. Les autorités françaises ne peuvent y pénétrer pour y exercer leurs fonctions qu'avec le consentement de l'Organisation ou à sa demande, et dans les conditions acceptées par celle-ci. Toutefois, un tel consentement peut être présumé acquis en cas d'incendie ou de toute autre situation d'urgence réclamant des mesures de protection immédiates ;
- 2) L'Organisation ne permet pas que ses bureaux servent de refuge à une personne poursuivie à la suite d'un crime ou d'un délit flagrant, ou faisant l'objet d'un mandat de justice, d'une condamnation pénale ou d'un arrêté d'expulsion émanant des autorités françaises ;
- 3) Le Gouvernement prend toutes les mesures appropriées afin de maintenir et de rétablir l'ordre et la sécurité aux abords immédiats des locaux de l'Organisation.

ARTICLE 3 Inviolabilité des documents et archives

Les archives de l'Organisation et, d'une manière générale, tous les documents lui appartenant ou détenus par elle sous quelque forme que ce soit, sont inviolables où qu'ils se trouvent.

ARTICLE 4 Drapeau et emblème

L'Organisation est habilitée à arborer son drapeau et son emblème sur ses locaux et sur les moyens de transport de l'Organisation et du Secrétaire Général.

ARTICLE 5 Immunité de juridiction et d'exécution

1) L'Organisation jouit de l'immunité de juridiction sauf :

- a) Lorsque le Secrétaire général renonce expressément à cette immunité de juridiction dans un cas particulier ;
- b) Lorsqu'une action civile est intentée par un tiers au titre d'un dommage résultant d'un accident causé par un véhicule terrestre à moteur ou par les autres moyens de transport appartenant à ou utilisés pour le compte de l'Organisation, ou d'une infraction à la réglementation à la circulation routière impliquant un tel véhicule ;
- c) Lors d'une demande reconventionnelle directement liée à une procédure initiée par l'Organisation.

2) Dans tous les autres cas, l'immunité de juridiction dont bénéficie l'Organisation en application du présent article ne peut être invoquée par elle que dans la mesure où l'autre partie à l'éventuel différend a accès à un mécanisme de règlement des différends comportant des garanties d'impartialité et d'équité répondant aux exigences de la conception française de l'ordre public international ;

3) Les biens et avoirs de l'Organisation, en quelque endroit qu'ils se trouvent et quel qu'en soit le détenteur, sont exempts de perquisition, confiscation, réquisition et d'expropriation, ou de toute autre forme de contrainte exécutive, administrative, judiciaire ou législative.

ARTICLE 6 Exonérations d'impôts, droits et taxes

- 1) L'Organisation, ses avoirs, ses revenus et autres biens sont exonérés de tout impôt direct. Il est toutefois entendu que l'Organisation ne demandera pas l'exonération des impôts qui ne seraient pas en excès de la simple rémunération de services d'utilité publique.
- 2) L'Organisation est exonérée de la taxe sur la valeur ajoutée sur les livraisons de biens et les prestations de service destinés à son usage officiel, le cas échéant dans les limites et conditions fixées par les conventions internationales instituant l'organisation et, dans tous les cas, dans les limites et conditions fixées par la législation fiscale française.
- 3) L'Organisation est exonérée de droits de mutation lors de l'acquisition d'un bien immobilier destiné à son usage officiel.

ARTICLE 7 Exonération de droits et taxes dus à l'importation et à l'exportation

- 1) L'organisation est exonérée de droits de douane et toutes autres taxes pour les marchandises de tout type qu'elle importe ou exporte dans l'exercice de ses activités officielles dans la mesure où une telle exonération est conforme au droit de l'Union Européenne ;
- 2) Les marchandises importées ayant fait l'objet d'exemption de taxes et de droits de douane en vertu des dispositions de cet accord ne peuvent pas être cédées à titre onéreux ou gratuit sur le territoire de la République française, à moins que ce ne soit à des conditions agréées par le gouvernement français ;
- 3) Ces dispositions ne s'appliquent pas aux impôts, droits ou charges payées pour rémunération de services rendus.

ARTICLE 8 Fonds, devises et titres

- 1) L'Organisation peut recevoir et détenir des fonds et des devises de toutes nature et avoir des comptes bancaires dans n'importe quelle monnaie ;
- 2) L'Organisation peut aussi recevoir, détenir et disposer librement de titres transmissibles, soumis à la législation en vigueur nationale, notamment en ce qui concerne le contrôle des changes.

ARTICLE 9 Communications et publications

- 1) En ce qui concerne ses communications officielles et la distribution de tous ses documents, l'Organisation jouit d'un traitement qui n'est pas moins favorable en termes de tarifs, taxes et priorité que celui généralement accordé en France aux organisations intergouvernementales équivalentes ;
- 2) L'Organisation peut employer tous les moyens appropriés de communication, y compris des messages cryptés ou codés. Le Gouvernement n'imposera pas de restrictions en ce qui concerne les communications officielles de l'Organisation ou à propos de la circulation de ses publications.

ARTICLE 10 Représentants des Etats membres

- 1) Les représentants des Etats membres bénéficient, lorsqu'ils sont présents sur le territoire français dans le cadre des activités de l'Organisation et au cours de leurs voyages à destination ou en provenance de l'Organisation, des privilèges et immunités suivants :
 - a) Immunité d'arrestation et de détention, sauf en cas de crime ou de délit flagrant ;
 - b) Immunité de juridiction pour les actes, y compris les écrits et les paroles, accomplis par eux dans l'exercice de leurs fonctions. Cette immunité ne peut être invoquée dans le cas d'infraction à la réglementation de la circulation routière, ni dans le cas d'une action pour des

- dommages et intérêts résultant d'un accident causé par un véhicule ;
- c) L'exemption des dispositions limitant l'immigration et des formalités d'enregistrement pour les représentants qui ne sont pas de nationalité française des Etats membres de l'Organisation qui devront solliciter un titre de séjour spécial des autorités françaises compétentes. Cette exemption s'applique sans préjudice des mesures prises par les autorités françaises relatives à l'entrée sur le territoire français qu'elles jugent nécessaires à des fins de sécurité nationale ou d'ordre public ;
 - d) Inviolabilité pour tous les documents touchant aux activités officielles de l'Organisation ;
 - e) Application des mêmes facilités concernant les devises et le contrôle des changes que celles accordées aux agents diplomatiques ;
 - f) Mêmes immunités et facilités en ce qui concerne leurs bagages personnels que celles qui sont accordées aux membres des missions diplomatiques d'un rang comparable.
- 2) Les privilèges et immunités ne sont pas accordés aux représentants des Etats membres pour leur avantage personnel, mais pour assurer l'indépendance complète de l'exercice de leurs fonctions en rapport avec l'Organisation. Les Etats membres ont le droit et le devoir de lever les immunités dont bénéficient leurs représentants si elles peuvent être levées sans porter préjudice aux intérêts de l'Organisation ;
- 3) Afin que le Gouvernement soit en mesure de mettre en œuvre le présent article, l'Organisation lui communique régulièrement les noms des Représentants des Etats membres auprès de l'Organisation et toute information relative à leurs séjours sur le territoire français dans le cadre de leurs fonctions.

ARTICLE 11 Immunités et privilèges des membres permanents du personnel

- 1) Les membres permanents du personnel de l'Organisation jouissent des privilèges et immunités suivants :
- a) L'immunité de juridiction pour les actes, y compris les écrits et les paroles, accomplis par eux dans l'exercice de leurs fonctions. Cette immunité ne peut être invoquée dans le cas d'infraction à la réglementation de la circulation routière, ni dans le cas d'une action pour des dommages et intérêts résultant d'un accident causé par un véhicule ;
 - b) L'inviolabilité pour tous les documents touchant aux activités officielles de l'Organisation ;
 - c) L'exemption des dispositions limitant l'immigration et des formalités d'enregistrement pour les membres qui ne sont pas de nationalité française du personnel de l'Organisation qui devront solliciter un titre de séjour des autorités françaises compétentes. Cette exemption s'applique sans préjudice des mesures prises par les autorités françaises relatives à l'entrée sur le territoire français qu'elles jugent nécessaires à des fins de sécurité nationale ou d'ordre public ;
 - d) Les mêmes facilités de rapatriement que les envoyés diplomatiques en période de crise internationale ;
 - e) L'importation en franchise de leur mobilier et leurs effets personnels à l'occasion de leur première prise de fonctions en France, et du droit, à la cessation de leurs fonctions en France, de réexporter en franchise leur mobilier et leurs effets sous réserve dans l'un et l'autre cas, des conditions jugées nécessaires par les autorités françaises compétentes ;
 - f) Le droit d'importer en franchise leur automobile affectée à leur usage personnel acquise dans le pays de leur dernière résidence ou dans le pays dont ils sont ressortissants aux conditions du

- marché intérieur de celui-ci et de la réexporter en franchise, sous réserve, dans l'un et l'autre cas, des conditions jugées nécessaires par les autorités françaises compétentes ;
- g) Le droit d'acheter une automobile en franchise, et de l'immatriculer en série spéciale s'ils n'ont pas demandé à bénéficier de cette immatriculation pour une automobile importée dans le cadre de leur déménagement conformément à l'alinéa précédent ;
 - h) Le même traitement en matière de devises et de contrôle des changes que celui accordé aux agents diplomatiques.
- 2) Les traitements et émoluments – à l'exception des rentes et pensions – versés en France aux membres permanents du personnel par l'Organisation sont exemptés de l'impôt sur le revenu dès lors que l'Organisation prélève une imposition interne sur ces rémunérations. Les membres permanents du personnel concernés demeurent soumis à l'obligation de déclarer leurs revenus exonérés aux autorités françaises compétentes afin que ne leur soient pas accordés des avantages sociaux indus ;
- 3) Chaque année, l'Organisation distribuera à chaque membre du personnel une déclaration indiquant les montants qui lui ont été versés par l'Organisation au cours de l'année passée en tant que salaire, émoluments et allocations ;
- 4) L'Organisation déterminera les catégories de personnels auxquelles s'appliquent les dispositions du présent article. Elle en donnera communication au gouvernement de la République française. Les noms des personnels compris dans ces catégories seront régulièrement communiqués au gouvernement de la République française.

ARTICLE 12 Le Secrétaire Général

En complément des privilèges et immunités prévus pour les membres permanents du personnel de l'Organisation par l'article 11 du présent accord, le Secrétaire général jouit de privilèges et immunités similaires à ceux dont bénéficient les chefs de missions diplomatiques en application de la Convention de Vienne sur les relations diplomatiques du 18 avril 1961.

ARTICLE 13 Sécurité sociale

L'ensemble du personnel de l'Organisation est affilié à la sécurité sociale française pour tous les risques et est assujéti aux cotisations chômage en France. Dans le cas où, pour tout ou partie des risques, l'Organisation souhaiterait établir son propre système de sécurité sociale ou adhérer à un système mis en œuvre par une autre organisation, un accord spécifique devra être préalablement conclu avec les autorités françaises compétentes en matière de sécurité sociale.

ARTICLE 14 Experts, consultants et officiers en détachement

Les experts en mission pour le compte de l'Organisation jouissent, lorsqu'ils sont présents sur le territoire

français dans le cadre de la mission qu'ils accomplissent pour le compte de l'Organisation et au cours de leurs voyages à destination ou en provenance de l'Organisation, des privilèges et immunités suivants :

- a) L'immunité de juridiction pour les actes, y compris les écrits et les paroles, accomplis par eux dans l'exercice de leurs fonctions. Cette immunité ne peut être invoquée dans le cas d'infraction à la réglementation de la circulation routière, ni dans le cas d'une action pour des dommages et intérêts résultant d'un accident causé par un véhicule ;
- b) L'inviolabilité pour tous les documents touchant aux activités officielles de l'Organisation ;
- c) Les mêmes facilités, en ce qui concerne les réglementations de change, que celles qui sont accordées aux fonctionnaires des gouvernements étrangers en mission officielle temporaire.

ARTICLE 15 Accès au siège de l'Organisation

Les autorités françaises facilitent, dans la mesure du possible, l'accès au siège de l'Organisation :

- a) des représentants des Etats membres de l'Organisation ;
- b) des experts accomplissant des missions pour le compte de l'Organisation ;
- c) de toute personne officiellement invitée par l'Organisation en vue d'assister à ses travaux.

ARTICLE 16 Objets de privilèges et d'immunités – Renonciation

- 1) Les privilèges et immunités accordés au titre du présent Accord ne sont pas établis en vue d'accorder à leurs bénéficiaires des avantages personnels. Ils sont institués uniquement afin d'assurer, en toutes circonstances, le libre fonctionnement des activités de l'Organisation en France et la complète indépendance des personnes auxquelles ils sont accordés ;
- 2) Le Secrétaire général a le droit et le devoir de renoncer aux immunités des membres permanents du personnel de l'Organisation ou des experts en mission s'il considère qu'elles empêchent le fonctionnement normal de la justice et qu'il est possible d'y renoncer sans porter préjudice aux intérêts de l'Organisation. Le Conseil de l'Organisation peut renoncer aux immunités du Secrétaire général sous les mêmes conditions.

ARTICLE 17 Coopération

L'Organisation coopère constamment avec les autorités françaises compétentes en vue de faciliter la bonne administration de la justice, d'assurer l'exécution des règlements de police et d'éviter tout abus auquel pourraient donner lieu les privilèges, immunités et facilités prévues dans le présent Accord.

ARTICLE 18 Notification des nominations – Titres de séjour

Le Gouvernement de la République française autorise, sous réserve des articles 10(c) et 11(c), sans frais de visa et dans des délais raisonnables, l'entrée et le séjour en France pendant la durée de leurs fonctions ou missions auprès de l'Organisation :

- 1) Des représentants des Etats membres de l'Organisation ;
- 2) Des membres du personnel de l'Organisation et de leurs conjoint et leurs enfants mineurs vivant à leur foyer.

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ARTICLE 19 Règlement des différends entre le Gouvernement et l'Organisation

Tout différend entre l'Organisation et le Gouvernement au sujet de l'interprétation ou de l'application du présent Accord sera réglé par voie de négociation ou par tout autre mode de règlement agréé par les Parties.

ARTICLE 20 Amendements

Toute révision des dispositions du présent Accord devra être soumise à l'approbation des autorités compétentes de l'Organisation et du gouvernement de la République française. Elle entrera en vigueur conformément à la procédure prévue à l'article 21.

ARTICLE 21 Entrée en vigueur

Le présent Accord, de même que tout accord modificatif éventuel, entreront en vigueur à la suite de l'échange des instruments de ratification par le gouvernement de la République française et de la notification d'approbation par l'Organisation.

EN TÉMOIGNAGE DE QUOI les soussignés, dûment autorisés, ont signé le présent Accord.

Fait à Paris, en deux exemplaires, le en français.

Pour le Gouvernement de la République
française

Pour l'Organisation Internationale pour les
aides à la Navigation Maritime

(Signature)

(Signature)

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18-21 February 2024
Singapore

I - Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

I.2.1– Decision on the next ordinary session of the General Assembly

Submitted by the Secretary-General

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (the Convention) the first General Assembly of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (the Organization) must take place within six months of the entry into force of the Convention, and in accordance with the Transitional Arrangements of the Convention.

As a consequence, the date for the first General Assembly (18-21 February 2025) is related to the entry into force of the Convention on 22 August 2024 and not to a regular cycle of meetings. The time between August 2024 and February 2025 is needed to complete all necessary tasks of the transition phase such as the transition of staff and the transfer of assets and liabilities.

According to Article 7.4 of the Convention and Article 3.1 of the General Regulations (IGO) the regular session of the General Assembly shall ordinarily take place once every three years.

Article 3.2 of the General Regulations states the regular session of the General Assembly should, where possible, be convened during the same period and at the same location as the Organization's conference "but in any case, must be held no earlier than June of the General Assembly year".

As explained above, the first General Assembly will take place in February 2025 and not as foreseen in the General Regulations "no earlier than June of the General Assembly year". In that sense the date of the first General Assembly must be seen as an exception due to the restraints of the entry into force of the Convention.

As anticipated by the General Regulations the General Assembly goes normally together with the IALA Conference. In a General Assembly year there are normally no Committee meetings in the spring in order to favour wide participation of technical experts at the IALA Conference. The work programme of the Committees, meetings of the Council and all other subsidiary bodies are fully adapted to this schedule.



At the General Assembly of the association in 2023, India offered to host the IALA Conference and General Assembly no earlier than June 2027, which reflected the four-year term used in the association. At that time the date of entry into force of the Convention was unknown. The preparations conducted by India are already advanced for both the General Assembly and the IALA Conference in the second half of 2027.

Recognising this, and in order to establish the schedule of three-yearly General Assemblies taking place “no earlier than June of the General Assembly year”, it will be necessary to adapt the date of the second General Assembly.

Having the second General Assembly of the Organization in the second half of 2027 would shorten the 3-year-period between the first General Assembly and the second General Assembly to about 2.5 years. The second General Assembly however will still take place once every three years in line with the Convention, Article 7.4.

In addition, the second General Assembly will take place no earlier than June and will take place at the same location as the IALA Conference as foreseen in Article 3.2 of the General Regulations.

In accordance with the General Regulations, Article 3.2, the Council may for reasons of necessity, determine an alternative time for convening the General Assembly. The Transition Council made such a decision at its meeting in June 2024.

This decision is in line with the reasons set out above and being mindful regarding resources and sustainability when planning international events.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

The General Assembly is requested to confirm the second General Assembly of the Organization together with the IALA Conference will take place in India in the second half of 2027.

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I.3.2– Resolution on the next General Assembly

Resolution GA01--09

Adopted on ##.##.####
Agenda item I.3

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the entry into force of the Convention for the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation on 22 August 2024;

RECALLING FURTHER the requirements of the transition phase as foreseen in the transitional arrangements of the Convention;

NOTING the requirement for the General Assembly of the Organization to take place once every three years;

MINDFUL of resources and sustainability when organizing international events such as the General Assembly of the Organization and the IALA Conference;

CONFIRMS the convening of the second ordinary General Assembly of the Organization will take place in the second half of 2027 in India at the same date and location as the IALA Conference.

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***I.4.1– Declaration on the International Organization
for Marine Aids to Navigation***

**DECLARATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MARINE AIDS TO
NAVIGATION**

Submitted by the Council

At the Diplomatic Conference held on 28 February 2020, the Kuala Lumpur Convention was adopted, marking a key moment in the transition of the Organization from a NGO to an IGO. By the entry into force of the Kuala Lumpur Convention on 22 August 2024 the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation was established.

In order to commemorate this significant milestone and in recognition of the first ordinary General Assembly of the Organization, the General Assembly is invited to consider the adoption of a Declaration. The Declaration will serve as a high-level document reflecting the Organization's new role as an IGO and its vision for the future.

The Declaration outlines the Organizations' core values and emphasizes its strengthened collaboration with other IGOs to foster strong, cooperative international relationships. Additionally, it reinforces the Organization's global, harmonized vision on key topics such as the Maritime Buoyage System, the digitalization of Marine Aids to Navigation and the transition to a greener future.

This Declaration will provide a forward-looking framework that marks the Organization's leadership role in Marine Aids to Navigation and its commitment to global cooperation, sustainability and innovation in the maritime sector. The Declaration will serve as a guiding document for the future activities and priorities of the Organization.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

Adopt the Declaration in input paper GA01-I.4.2.

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I-Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

I.3.2– Resolution on the IALA Declaration

Resolution GA01--10

Adopted on ##.##.####
Agenda item I.4
(effective immediately)

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the entry into force of the Convention and the establishment of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation on 22 August 2024;

NOTING the rich history of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities;

CONSIDERING the aims and objectives of the Organization;

ADOPTS the Declaration on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, the Singapore Declaration as included to the Annex to this Resolution.



Annex

**DECLARATION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION
“SINGAPORE DECLARATION”**

At the first General Assembly of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (hereinafter referred to as “IALA”), held in the Republic of Singapore, from 18 to 21 February 2025;

NOTING the history of IALA, from its establishment in 1957 as the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities to its evolution as the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation;

RECALLING the IALA General Assembly Resolution A.01 adopted on 27 May 2014 in La Coruña, Spain regarding the Association’s change of status to that of an international intergovernmental organization and the adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Convention at the Diplomatic Conference on 28 February 2020;

FURTHER RECALLING the Incheon Declaration adopted by the 19th IALA Conference in the Republic of Korea that recognises the important role of IALA members as custodians of a unique lighthouse heritage;

RECOGNIZING IALA’s support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by emphasizing the importance of systems to protect the marine environment and promote sustainability to minimize impact on the world’s resources;

CONSIDERING IALA’s mission to foster the safe and efficient movement of vessels through the improvement and harmonization of Marine Aids to Navigation worldwide for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the marine environment;

ACKNOWLEDGING the efforts of IALA and its members through collaboration, innovation, and the development of global standards on Marine Aids to Navigation;

CONSCIOUS of the importance of expanding IALA membership to all States.

IALA Member States DECLARE their intention to:

UPHOLD the Core Values of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities: being credible, dynamic, results-oriented, and connecting;

ASPIRE to behave always in an impartial, transparent, evidence based, purposeful, and efficient manner when participating in IALA’s works;

FOSTER IALA’s pivotal role in the maritime domain by contributing to a forward looking global maritime digital vision that embraces diversified Marine Aids to Navigation provision, and transformation, including autonomous technologies;



COLLABORATE with relevant stakeholders to protect and share the rich natural and built heritage associated with lighthouses for future generations and deliver economic, social, and environmental benefits to coastal communities now and into the future;

DEMONSTRATE a commitment to work together for the improvement of maritime safety through the continued development and harmonization of Marine Aids to Navigation by enhancing international cooperation with other organizations towards shared objectives;

ADVANCE the development, decarbonization, and adoption of updated management practices for maintaining a global network of sustainable and efficient Marine Aids to Navigation, to contribute towards achieving internationally agreed emission control targets;

SUPPORT States to play their part in facilitating the safe and efficient movement of vessels through their waters by the delivery of training and capacity building.

ADOPTED on this XX Day of February in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

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**I – Consideration of reports and proposals received
from Member States, the Council or the Secretary-General**

I.5.1– Sponsorship from Korea, Malaysia and Singapore

Sponsorship to the World-Wide Academy from Korea, Malaysia and Singapore.

Submitted by the Secretary-General

The World-Wide Academy is currently funded entirely by sponsorships. For many years, Korea, Singapore and Malaysia have generously and continuously sponsored the Academy through Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with each a duration of three to four years.

To ensure the continuation of these sponsorships and the continuous operation of the World-Wide Academy, and in accordance with the Transitional Arrangements of the Convention, these MoU's will be transferred to the Organization through a simple amendment to each MoU, replacing the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Association with the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation as party to the MoU.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

Note the information provided and consider other additional possibilities for future funding for the World-Wide Academy.

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I – Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

I.6.1– Cooperation with IMO and IHO

Cooperation and agreements with IMO and IHO

Submitted by the Council

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities has been for decades in close cooperation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO).

As a non-governmental organization the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities has held consultative status with IMO since 1961. In November 2024 France as the depositary to the IALA Convention submitted on behalf of the Organization a submission to the IMO Council in line with the procedures and terms of cooperation between IMO and intergovernmental organizations (IMO Assembly Resolution A.1168(32)). This submission intends to request formal cooperation between the Organization and IMO subject to the aforementioned Resolution. This includes primarily the right to observe and submit documents to meetings and conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO subject to its procedures for meetings and conferences. At the same time the IMO may be invited to send observers and submit documents to meetings and conferences convened by or under the auspices of the Organization subject to its procedures for meetings and conferences. After approval by the IMO Council, the IMO Secretary-General will submit the request of the Organization to the IMO Assembly for approval.

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities has concluded a cooperation agreement with IHO in 2001. While the terms and conditions of this cooperation agreement still apply to the cooperation with IHO, the Organization needs to conclude a new agreement with IHO reflecting on its new status. The IHO Assembly has to approve agreements with international organization.

According to the Convention, Article 7.7 (m) the General Assembly approves agreements with international organizations.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

The General Assembly is requested to approve the request for cooperation with IMO and the draft Agreement with IHO.

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I-Consideration of reports and proposals received from member States, the Council or the Secretary-General

I.6.2– Resolution on an agreement with IHO

Resolution GA01--11

Adopted on ##.##.####
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THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING; the long standing close cooperation with International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities;

FURTHER RECALLING the status of IALA as an international organization in relation to IMO and IHO;

MINDFUL that increased cooperation with IMO and IHO becomes more significant in relation to the development of international standards and conventions in mutual areas of interest;

NOTING the Convention Article 7.7(m) that the General Assembly has to approve agreements with international organizations;

1. APPROVES the request for formal cooperation between IMO and the Organization subject to the procedures and terms of cooperation included in IMO Assembly Resolution A.1168(32).
2. APPROVES the draft Agreement with IHO as included in the Annex to this Resolution.

**DRAFT-DRAFT****Agreement between the International Hydrographic Organization and International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation.**

The International Hydrographic Organization (hereafter "IHO"); and
The International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (hereafter "IALA");
Hereafter individually and collectively termed "the Party" and "the Parties";

RECALLING the long standing and close cooperation between the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities and the IHO;

CONSIDERING the mutual interest between the Parties in developing and harmonizing international standards in the maritime domain;

MINDFUL of the rapid changes in the development of technical standards and the need for increased cooperation and coordination between international organizations;

DESIRING to coordinate their efforts within their respective mandates and in relation to the International Maritime Organization;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1**Object and areas of cooperation**

1.1 The object of this Agreement is to facilitate and reinforce the cooperation and coordination between the Parties and in relation to other international organizations, where appropriate, in the area of international standards that relate to the activities and commitments of the Parties.

1.2 Within the scope of their respective mandates, work programmes and budgets, the Parties agree to a general strengthening of their cooperation and coordination, notably in the development of international standards of mutual interest, training and capacity building, and the development and support for joint proposals and initiatives to other international organizations in relation to international conventions and developments and any other area of common interest.

Article 2**Reciprocal representation**

2.1 On the basis of reciprocity, IALA is invited to represent itself at sessions of IHO bodies as observer in accordance with the rules and decisions adopted by these bodies, and, as appropriate, any other meetings held under the auspices of IHO.

2.2 On the basis of reciprocity, IHO is invited to represent itself at sessions of IALA bodies as observer in accordance with the rules and decisions adopted by these bodies, and, as appropriate, any other meetings held under the auspices of IALA.



Article 3 Sharing of information and disclosure

3.1 The Parties agree to exchange, by whatever means, information concerning their activities of mutual interest and cooperate in the use, integration, promotion and the dissemination of publications and information.

3.2 Subject to their existing rules and policies related to the disclosure of classified information and other related obligations, each Party will protect classified information of the other Party.

Article 4 Name, emblem, marks and logos

Neither Party may use the emblem, marks, or logos of the other Party without the prior written consent of the other Party, nor use the name of the other Party in a way that implies endorsement or authorship with prior written consent of the other Party.

Article 5 Staff members and facilities

5.1 Each Party will be responsible for its activities and for its staff members, including for their acts and omissions. A Party will not be liable for any damage or injury caused by the other Party or that other Party's staff.

5.2 As far as practicable and subject to availability and their respective existing rules the Parties may agree to share their facilities for meetings held under the auspices of a Party.

Article 6 Regular annual meetings

The Parties agree to hold regular annual meetings between their respective Secretary-General and as deemed necessary other staff members.

Article 7 Privileges and immunities

No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted or considered as a renunciation, limitation, waiver or modification of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by either Party.

Article 8 Entry into force, amendment and termination

8.1 This agreement enters into force from the date of its signature by the Secretary-General of IALA, subject to approval by the General Assembly of IALA, and the Secretary-General of IHO, subject to approval by the Assembly of IHO.

8.2 This agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

8.3 Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice to the other Party of its intent to do so six months in advance.



Article 9
Settlement of differences

Any difference or dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through negotiation between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is done and signed at ## on ###, in two copies in the English language.

For the International Organization
for Marine Aids to Navigation

For the International Hydrographic
Organization

Secretary-General
Francis Zachariae

Secretary-General
Mathias Jonas

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m– Any other business

m.1.1– Note on the China’s representation

The People’s Republic of China’s representation to IALA

BACKGROUND

The Executive Committee of the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities decided in November 1977, that IALA should recognize the People’s Republic of China as the only lawful representative of China by adopting a resolution. This has been the policy of the association since then.

This position follows the UN resolution no 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 “Restoration of the lawful rights of the People’s Republic of China in the United Nations”.

The same policy is followed by other Intergovernmental Organizations as the International Organization for Hydrography, who has adopted a similar resolution 6/1977 T2.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUESTED TO

The General Assembly is requested to note the information and to approve the resolution in input paper GA01-m.1.2.

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m– Any other business

m.1.2– Resolution on China’s representation

Resolution GA 01-12

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Approval of the lawful and legitimate representation from China
(effective immediately)

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the Resolution 2758 (XXVI) of the General Assembly of the United Nations from 25 October 1971 recognizing the representatives of the People’s Republic of China as the only lawful and legitimate representatives to the United Nations;

FURTHER RECALLING the acceptance of the People’s Republic of China as the only lawful representative of China in the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities;

CONVINCED that participation of the Government of the People’s Republic would be beneficial for the future successful work of the Organization;

1. DECIDES to recognize the representative of the People’s Republic of China as the only lawful representative of China to the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation.
2. RESOLVES that the resolution shall take effect immediately.