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LIAISON NOTE

Review of IALA G1153: Updates to the Emerging Technology Assessment Template and Internal Procedures

# INTRODUCTION

With liaison note DTEC3-11.2.2.8 (LAP27-11-1) the DTEC has asked several questions regarding IALA G1153 Template for the review of emerging technologies for possible use by IALA including:

* Update of the wording after the change of status
* Text of questions within G1153:
* Q21 Are there legal issues associated with the implementation of the technology?
* Q22 Are there any intellectual property rights (essential patents) associated with the technology?

# DISCUSSION

LAP27 has discussed in principle the status of G1153 after the change of status to an IGO. During the discussion, it was taken into account that G1153 currently follows two objectives, firstly, supporting national administrations to follow and assess emerging technologies and, secondly, providing a template for the work of the working group in DTEC to follow and assess emerging technologies being considered internally by the Committee. The template in the Guideline reflects both objectives.

Concerns were raised that a template with the status of a Guideline reflecting the internal work of a working group assessing technologies could touch on several legal issues related to commercial and competition law. This does include, but it is not limited to, questions regarding the role of the Affiliate Industrial Members being participants of the Committee and maybe even the working group doing the assessment of the emerging technologies and possible complaints about a technology being assessed as “red” within the assessment methodology of the Guideline.

LAP agreed having a Guideline displaying this kind of work and having a column dedicated in the template to the working group assessment could expose the Organization to unnecessary legal threats and seems no longer suitable in an IGO.

At the same time, the value of the template for assessments being conducted by national administrations on a national level or other IALA members was recognized and acknowledged by the panel.

In addition, it was not questioned that DTEC may continue with internal assessments of emerging technologies as being helpful for the Committee’s work in general and that such an internal assessment template and paper may be kept within the Committee.

As a result, LAP recommends

* Deletion of all references to the working group and the internal work of the DTEC Committee on assessing emerging technologies in the Guideline.
* Keeping G1153 as a Guideline including the template to assess emerging technologies and as a result give support and help to IALA members in conducting such assessments, e.g. on a national level.
* Using the assessment of emerging technologies as conducted by the working group of DTEC as an internal paper of the Committee supporting its work.

# ACTION REQUESTED

DTEC committee is requested to review the revised Recommendation and if appropriate, to send the Council for approval.