



7 – REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

7.1.1 – Draft IALA Basic Documents

General comments by Japan Coast Guard

Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

At Council 61 it was agreed that Councillors should send the Secretary-General their comments on the draft Basic Documents, approved in principle, by 30th April 2016.

Japan Coast Guard sent general comments and an annotated version of the Basic Documents (input paper C62-7.1.1.4) for Council's information and consideration.

2. COMMENTS BY JAPAN COAST GUARD

Since the General Regulations and Financial Regulations are the second highest documents under the Constitution and strongly related to basic roles of all members, the both documents should be approved by the General Assembly, not only by Council. The Basic Documents were approved in principle at the 61 Council meeting, thus the Japan Coast Guard proposes that the documents should be treated as such, i.e. approved in principle, until the next General Assembly and the formal approval should be done at the next General Assembly;

It seems that the Rules of Procedure for General Assembly and Council meeting, section 3.4 and 4.4, do not fit in the General Regulations because they are too specific on the proceedings of the meeting. The General Regulations provides more basic and general matters of IALA. Therefore, the Japan Coast Guard proposes to separate the Rules of Procedure from the General Regulations and to consider and approve, by the General Assembly for its Rules and by the Council for its Rules, as an independent document;

Both the last and new four year budgets should be endorsed or approved by the General Assembly since the budgets are very important for all members.

3. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Consider the comments made by Japan Coast Guard on the Basic Documents.