

**IALA COUNCIL
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Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

In recent years the IALA Secretariat has had various contacts with the Arctic Council. The most recent of these was on 27 June this year when the Secretary-General met Mr Magnús Jóhannesson, Director, Arctic Council Secretariat, at the offices of the Arctic Council Secretariat in Tromsø, Norway.

In 2013, IALA was invited to make a presentation at PAME I-2014 and the IALA Deputy Secretary-General attended the meeting and made a presentation on the work of IALA, with an emphasis on the Arctic.

2. APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS

At the meeting in Tromsø this year, IALA was encouraged to apply for Observer Status at the Arctic Council.

The Secretariat believes that a direct connection with the work of the Arctic Council, notably in ship tracking and maritime safety, will be of benefit to IALA.

3. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Approve the application to the Arctic Council seeking Observer Status that is at input paper C63-13.4.1.1.