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Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

At its last session in December 2016 the Council approved the submission by the Secretary-General of an application for Observer Status at the Arctic Council.

2. SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

Council 63 input paper C63-13.4.1.1.

3. OUTCOME

On 12 May 2017 the Secretary-General was informed by Aleksi Härkönen, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials, that the IALA application for Observer status was not accepted at the Arctic Council Ministerial meeting held in Fairbanks, Alaska on 11 May.

The advice to IALA stated that IALA can reapply for Observer status at any later time.

4. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Note this information and **consider** if IALA should reapply for Observer status at the Arctic Council.