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**11 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES**

***11.1 – ARM***

**11.1.4 Introduction to draft IALA Recommendation R1015**  
**Marking of hazardous wrecks**

Note by the ARM Committee

**1. BACKGROUND**

The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007 came into force on 14 April 2015. Article 8 of the convention requires the Affected State to take reasonable steps to mark wrecks that constitute a hazard.

IALA Guideline 1046 provides guidance on the development of the response plan for the marking of new wrecks. This Guideline was approved in 2005 and precedes The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007.

**2. DISCUSSION**

As a result of The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007, IALA Council determined a need to:

- a) develop a Recommendation for the marking of hazardous wrecks, and
- b) Provide guidance on the marking of hazardous wreckage including new and drifting wrecks.

ARM7 has developed and finalised for Council approval a Recommendation for the marking of hazardous wrecks. This recommendation illustrates the requirements of The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007.

This document closes a significant gap in IALA Recommendations on the marking of wrecks and provides an important reference to National authorities in fulfilling their international obligations.

It is proposed that the ARM work program 2018-2022 includes an update of IALA Guideline 1046 on the Response plan for the Marking of New Wrecks. This guideline will include considerations for all hazardous wrecks.

**3. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO**

**APPROVE** – The draft Recommendation R1015 for the marking of hazardous wrecks.