

**IALA COUNCIL
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Brazil****8 – Strategy and Policy*****8.1 – Current Drivers and Trends***

Note by the Secretariat

1 BACKGROUND

At the meeting of the Council in June 2022, the Chair of the Strategy Drafting Group, Christian Forst, gave the background of the Strategy Drafting Group and reminding councillors that the first Strategic Vision was prepared and approved by the Council in December 2013, and announced to the General Assembly in May 2014. The Strategic Vision was brought up to date by the Council in December 2017 and approved by the General Assembly in June 2018.

In 2019 a Council workshop agreed on a Drivers and Trends document. This paper is regularly updated by the Council and at C72, Canada, China and Australia provided inputs which were amalgamated into the current version 2.0 of the document. At C73, Korea provided further input. Following a discussion on the desired content and tone of the Current Drivers and Trends document, Council agreed to assemble the Strategy Drafting Group before C74 to finalize the document. At C74, UK highlighted that the document failed to properly recognize the enduring importance of physical Marine Aids to Navigation, and it was decided that the Strategy Drafting Group should consider inclusion of this aspect into the document. At a recent meeting of the IMC, a similar concern was discussed, and the IMC has compiled an input paper for consideration by the Strategy Drafting Group.

The chair indicated that the IALA Strategy is comprised of a number of documents, including the Constitution, the Strategic Vision and the Current Drivers and Trends document and that these documents would now need to be reviewed and updated, particularly in regard to the change of status.

He then summarized the discussion saying that the existing documents should be merged. The existing statements should be reviewed, and items added, and then feedback should be asked from members with the view of presenting a final document to be approved at Council 76 in December 2022.

The Chair asked for volunteers to set up the small strategy drafting working group. South Africa, Canada, Sweden, Denmark and Germany agreed to be part of this group.

The Secretariat was tasked to gather the working group to draft a new document for approval by the Council in December 2022 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2 DISCUSSION

The working group has held two meetings and the final draft has been circulated among National members for input. All inputs have been discussed at a third meeting and the group agreed on the drafts that are input papers C76-8.1.1.1 and C76-8.1.1.2.



3 THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO

Approve the draft Strategic Vision with a view to obtain General Assembly agreement and approve the draft current Drivers and Trends document.