



5 – Strategy and Policy

5.2 - Winding up of the Association IALA-AISM

INTRODUCTION

The Secretariat has completed the transition from the Association to the Organization. To support this process, and following advice from the LAP, the Secretariat appointed a French law firm, Eltea Avocats, to provide legal assistance throughout the transition period and until the winding up of the Association is finalized. The law firm has been assisting with the administrative formalities required under French law to transfer the rights, interests, assets, and liabilities to the Organization.

Of particular relevance is the Annex to the Convention (Transitional Arrangements) and Article 13 of the current IALA Constitution, which outlines the automatic dissolution of IALA as an association. It is important to note that references to the "Council" in the Constitution refer to the Council of IALA as an association.

Article 13 states:

In the event of IALA being constituted as an international organization based on an international agreement, the Council must arrange for the winding up of IALA and the formal transfer of ownership of all assets, free of charge and without reservation, into the possession of the organization constituted according to the international agreement. This Constitution will terminate without further action once the formalities for termination required by French law, initiated by the Council, are complete.

In accordance with the Legal Statement provided by Eltea Avocats in Annex 5.2.1, the transition is now complete, with assets and liabilities already transferred. This includes the successful transfer of staff from the Association to the Organization on 31 March 2025. All 15 staff members have been transferred in accordance with the provisions of the new General Regulations and Staff Rules.

The final remaining asset to be transferred was the Headquarters at 10 rue des Gaudines, which was carried out by the signing an official notary act on 29 July 2025.

THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO

Note that all formalities required by French law for the dissolution of the Association are completed and that the winding up (dissolution) of the legal structure Association IALA-AISM will be duly formalized before the end of 2025.