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**Agenda item 9 – IALA Committees and Working Groups**

**9.10 LAP matters**

9.10.3 Draft revised Council decision on the creation of WWA

***Note by the Administration Manager***

The report

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**Note for the Legal Advisory Panel**

At its 50th session, the Council decided to establish a Correspondence Group for the development and the sustainability of the IALA World-Wide Academy. One of the proposals of the Group is the adoption by the Council of a “Decision” which defines the IALA WWA, its aims, its governance and its budget. The principle should be that the Academy is part of the IALA Secretariat but with a specific mode of decision and a budget independent of the general IALA budget. The advice of the LAP is requested on the draft decision attached to this note, in particular if the Council may adopt “Decision”.

**Draft DECISION**

**Aims and Functions of the IALA World-Wide Academy**

**THE COUNCIL,**

**RECALLING** that the aim of IALA is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonisation of aids to navigation world-wide and other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the environment;

**RECOGNIZING** that harmonised and uniformed standards on education and training of aids to navigation personnel are essential for implementing, providing and maintaining world-wide harmonized aids to navigation services;

**ALSO RECOGNIZING** that there is considerable knowledge and expertise within the IALA community that could be shared to assist authorities in meeting their International Maritime Convention obligations for safety of navigation and for the provision of marine aids to navigation;

**HAVING NOTED** that delivering capacity building and training in the field of safety of navigation and provision of marine aids to navigation to nations in need is part of the role of the Association according to its Constitution;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the proposal of the Correspondence Group for the development and the sustainability of the IALA World-Wide Academy, which was created by the Council at its 50th session,

**DECIDES THAT:**

1 The IALA World-Wide Academy (WWA) is the vehicle by which IALA delivers training and capacity building. It also may augment the Research & Development (R&D) carried out by the IALA Committees in identifying activities applicable to external funding.

2 The aims of the IALA WWA are:

* To develop IALA model courses on aids to navigation training and to establish and manage an accreditation system for aids to navigation training authorities in accordance with the developed IALA Recommendations and associated training courses and;
* To establish and manage systematic aids to navigation capacity building to enable National Authorities to meet their obligations under International Maritime Conventions.

3 The objectives of the WWA are:

* to facilitate the development of IALA model courses for aids to navigation training;
* to develop and manage the IALA accreditation of training activities system;
* to provide the education and training for aids to navigation personnel, particularly in regions of greatest need;
* to establish and manage systematic aids to navigation capacity building, particularly in regions of greatest need;
* to enhance the knowledge and expertise, at the appropriate level, so as to achieve a resilient competence in a region;
* to support research and development initiatives to improve the efficiency and safety of navigation;
* to develop and maintain the alumni association of the IALA WWA and promoting IALA activities through the alumni association;

4 The WWA is governed by a Board, which, through its Dean reports its activities to the IALA Council. The Council approves the WWA work programme.

5 The role of the Board is:

* to maintain a global view of maritime AtoN training and capacity building needs
* to prepare, maintain and ensure delivery of the WWA programme by:
  + initiating funding requirements
  + seeking external funding / donors
  + reviewing applications for assistance
  + evaluating project / mission outcomes
  + organising training delivery and overseeing its quality
* to monitor finances and maintain independence of WWA funding from the general IALA budget
* to report to the IALA Council

6 The IALA WWA Board consists of:

* the Dean of the WWA (Chairman)
* the IALA Secretary-General
* three (3) members appointed by the IALA Council

When required, the Board may invite external advisers with relevant specialist skills.

7 Secretarial support will be provided by the Secretary-General of IALA.

8 The IALA WWA is administered by its Dean, assisted by a secretariat. Assistance may be requested from all of IALA’s components.

9 The budget of the IALA WWA is provided with the contributions by donors. It covers:

* Base costs

1. Personnel:
   * 1. Dean
     2. Programme co-ordinator
     3. Administrator
2. Fixed costs:
   * 1. Direct salaries
     2. Social charges
     3. Office space
     4. IT
     5. Communications
     6. General consumables / upkeep
     7. Travel and subsistence
     8. Board overheads
     9. Audit / accounting

* Variable costs

1. Mission costs
   * 1. Experts’ fees
     2. Travel and subsistence
     3. General consumables
2. Project costs (flexible length)
   * 1. Experts’ fees
     2. Travel and subsistence
     3. General consumables
3. Training costs
   * 1. Workshops / seminars

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