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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Pursuant to the Diplomatic Conference held in Kuala Lumpur, the Conference on the Draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations for the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (the Conference) was convened in Tokyo, Japan, at the kind invitation of the Japan Coast Guard.

The draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations for the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, taking into account the Secretariat responses contained in GR 3-3 corr 2 Draft General and Financial Regulations comments and responses, constituted the basic proposal for consideration by the Conference.

The final draft of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations, that included amendments made prior to the Conference and made during the Plenary session, is contained in *Draft General Regulations, Including Financial Regulations After Plenary Review*. The Secretariat has, as suggested by Malaysia, conducted a 'scrubbing' and has, without changing the wording, rearranged some articles to make the document more clear and user friendly. Also the numbering has been updated. This version is contained in document *Draft General Regulations, Including Financial Regulations after Plenary Review and Scrubbing* for further discussion at the first General Assembly of the new Organization.

The discussions held during Conference, concluded that most of the draft Articles were consented except several paragraphs that still need further discussion to be finalized and presented to the first General Assembly of the new IGO for consideration.

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Participants were National members of IALA, Signature States and Acceding States of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, at the time of the opening of the Conference.



1. OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Opening and Welcome by IALA President, Rear Admiral Marcos Almeida

Admiral Marcus Almeida, President of IALA, commenced the Conference in Tokyo acknowledging the historical significance of Tokyo and expressed delight in reuniting with the IALA family, reflecting on the collaborative spirit from the IALA Conference in Rio de Janeiro.

Admiral Almeida celebrated the growing number of parties joining the Kuala Lumpur Convention, stating that it is an endorsement of the organization's significance. He encouraged those in the process of ratification to follow suit. He then officially opened the Conference, expressing hopes for a productive and efficient session.

Welcome Remarks by the Commandant of the Japan Coast Guard, Admiral Shohei ISHII

Admiral ISHII Shohei, the Commandant of the Japan Coast Guard, addressed the Conference that had congregated from various corners of the globe. His speech marked the opening of the Conference.

Admiral ISHII commenced by extending his gratitude to Francis Zachariae, the Secretary-General, and the IALA Secretariat staff for their commitment in managing the association and for their support in orchestrating the Conference.

Continuing his address, Admiral ISHII acknowledged the presence of the IALA members and their unwavering dedication to maritime safety. He emphasized Japan Coast Guard's privilege in hosting an event of such importance.

He expanded on the Conference's purpose, emphasizing its role in formulating the General and Financial Regulations that would underpin the organization's daily operations upon its transformation into an international body. Admiral ISHII was confident in the collective strength and bond among members, foreseeing a successful outcome for IALA's voyage as an international organization.

In concluding his address, Admiral ISHII offered warm wishes for the continued growth of IALA and extended his hopes for the delegates to enjoy a splendid stay in Japan.

His opening speech is at Annex A.

Administrative Remarks and Overview by the Secretary-General, Mr. Francis Zachariae

Francis Zachariae, the Secretary-General of IALA, commenced the Conference by expressing his gratitude and pleasure in welcoming the delegates and representatives gathered for the preparation of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation.

The Secretary-General extended thanks to the Japan Coast Guard, particularly to Admiral ISHII Shohei, for hosting the Conference in Tokyo and providing excellent facilities. He acknowledged the substantial participation of delegates from various countries, highlighting the historic significance of this Conference for IALA.

Acknowledging the time constraints, the Secretary-General urged the delegates to maintain focus and efficiency in their discussions. Stressing the importance of collaborative efforts, he encouraged concise contributions for effective deliberations to reach a successful outcome.

The Secretary-General then provided an overview of the progress regarding the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation. He detailed the timeline and the current status of ratifications and accessions. He highlighted the impending entry into force of the Convention and the forthcoming tasks during the transition period leading up to the first General Assembly in Singapore.

The Secretary-General explained the transitional arrangements, the role continuity of existing IALA officers within the new IGO, and the transfer of rights, assets, and liabilities. He emphasized the importance of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations within this transition, highlighting the use of the existing General Regulations initially and the need for eventual agreement on new regulations at the first General Assembly of the IGO.

The Secretary-General stressed the importance of involving National, Industrial, and Associate members in the new Organization, ensuring their transition and participation. He urged delegates to assist in the enrolment process for these members, emphasizing the contributions they bring to the organization.

Closing his address, the Secretary-General expressed gratitude to the Japan Coast Guard for their generosity and hospitality. He concluded, inviting any questions before finalizing his welcome address.

His opening speech is at Annex A.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was agreed at the meeting of the Heads of Delegation and in plenary.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

3.1 Proposed method of work

Pursuant to the Diplomatic Conference held in Kuala Lumpur, the Conference was convened in Tokyo, Japan, at the kind invitation of the Japan Coast Guard.

Participants were National members of IALA and Signature States and Acceding States of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, at the time of the opening of the Conference.

The agreed method of work, including the structure and organization of the Conference, is laid out in input document *GR-2.1 Organization of the Conference in Tokyo*.

The schedule of meetings is set out in Annex B.

There were no comments from delegates on the method of work. The organization of the work, contained in document in GR-2.1 and the programme for the week contained in GR-0.4 were therefore adopted.

Aim of the Conference

The aim of the Conference was to produce draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations for the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation that had the best possibility of being accepted by the first General Assembly of the Organization.

Meeting of Heads of Delegation

In accordance with usual practice, a meeting of Heads of Delegation was convened prior to the formal opening of the Conference, in order to discuss certain organizational and procedural matters. The conclusions reached by the Heads of Delegation were reported by the Secretary-General to the Plenary for consideration and adoption.

Interpretation and report from the meeting

The meeting was conducted in English only. The output draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations, following editorials or 'scrubbing' by the Secretariat, as proposed by Malaysia in their general remarks, is to be discussed at the General Assembly and produced in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish, based upon the English draft, and made available on the website.

This report from the Conference was produced after the Conference, circulated by electronic means and approved by participants.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Prior to the Conference, the draft General Regulations and Financial Regulations for the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, as contained in document GR-3.1, was circulated for comment.

Proposals from Delegations, including proposed amendments, were then introduced in writing and submitted to the Secretariat of the Conference who then circulated these to all delegations. These comments and the Secretariat responses to them are contained in input document *GR-3.3 corr 2 Draft General and Financial Regulations comments and responses 27 OCT*, this document was published on the website as was separate documents containing the comments from Australia, China and Georgia. The proposed text found in GR-3.3 corr 2 formed the basic proposal that the Conference took into consideration.

As a general rule, no proposal was discussed unless it had been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. The Chair could, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, even though such amendments had not been circulated or had only been circulated on the same day. The proposals that were discussed in Plenary are noted in section 4.1.

4.1 Conclusions of the drafting session

The final draft of the General Regulations and Financial Regulations that includes amendments made prior to the Conference and made during the Plenary session is contained in *Draft General Regulations, Including Financial Regulations After Plenary Review* and, after 'scrubbing' as proposed by Malaysia in their general remarks, in document *Draft General Regulations, Including Financial Regulations after Plenary Review and Scrubbing* for further discussion at the first General Assembly of the new Organization.

The discussions held during Conference, are reflected below and should be read in conjunction with the draft text contained in the two output documents, i.e. draft after plenary review and draft after scrubbing:

General remarks

Canada and Japan Commented that the use of 'shall' and 'will', it was agreed to consider the use of each word on a case by case basis as the Plenary considered each article.

Malaysia Sought clarification on how editorials and formatting were to be addressed, the Secretariat clarified that editorials shall be made to the document following the Conference, and that Delegates were invited to provide editorials directly to the Secretariat, these were not required to be discussed in Plenary.

Malaysia also recommended a legal scrubbing that has been done by the Secretariat after the Conference.

France Sought clarification regarding the overall structure of the basic documents being considered for the new IGO, the Secretariat responded by clarifying what the basic documents of the Organization were.

Article 1 – Application

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted.

Article 2 – Membership

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below.

Article 2.2(a)

China Proposal to change ‘contact point’ to ‘contact organization’. Singapore suggested a lower case ‘o’ for organisation to distinguish between the Organisation and others, this was agreed.

Australia Proposal to consider requiring Members States to notify the Secretariat in writing, and to keep up to date, its preferred contact point. This proposal also demonstrated the need to decide how detailed the General Regulations need to be. Finland supported the proposal. The text proposed by Australia was considered. Japan, Italy and Norway suggested that the Australian text was too detailed for the General Regulations. The Conference thus agreed to only amend the draft to reflect ‘point of contact’ instead, and not adopt the Australian proposal.

Article 2.2(b)

Canada Proposal to add ‘*to become an associate Member or Affiliate Member*’ for clarity, this was agreed.

Article 2.2(c) and (d)

Canada Proposal for clarity to remove *exertion* and replace with the ‘*ability to exercise*’ for clarity, this was agreed.

Secretariat’s note: in document GR 3-3 corr2, Article 2.2 was re-numbered to Art.2.3, but thereafter the subparagraphs were not re-numbered. Therefore:

Article 2.3(a)

Japan Proposal to consider if ‘*Affiliate Industrial Members*’ have the same rights as other Affiliate Members – it was agreed that they do have the same rights. Japan also proposed to replace ‘*known as*’ with ‘*defined as*’ and this was agreed.

Finland Sought clarification on who decides if the applicant falls under the proposed ‘Affiliate Industrial Member’ category, this was agreed that the Secretariat would continue to verify these applications.

Article 2.4(a)

Australia Recalled that there are only three rates of membership fees according to the Convention, Japan also agreed that this needed to be clarified. It was agreed that the text be amended to clarify this by deleting ‘*but shall be the same within each membership category*’ and replacing it with ‘*and shall be consistently applied*’ – as proposed by the UK.

Article 2.5(a), 2.5(c) and 2.6(b)

As regards Articles 2.5(a) and (c) and 2.6(b), Henning Teigene, LAP Vice-chair, provided the following explanation:

GR article 2.5 (a) (proposed text) stipulates that the Council may suspend an Associate or Affiliate membership for unpaid fees in accordance with the arrangements set out in the Financial Regulations.

GR article 2.5 (c) (proposed text) stipulates that the Secretary-General reinstates an Associate or Affiliate membership suspended under Article 2.5 (a) when the Associate Member or Affiliate Member has paid advised arrears of fees. The Secretary-General must advise the Council of such action at the next Council meeting.

GR article 2.6 (b) (proposed text) stipulates that Associate or Affiliate membership may be terminated «by the Council where a suspended Associate Member or Affiliate Member has not paid fees within twelve months of suspension for that non-payment.»

Some countries have proposed to change the responsible organ to General Assembly for Associate members in the three articles, with reference to the Convention art. 7.7 (j) where it says that the General Assembly shall «decide on Associate membership». In 2.5 (c) it is further proposed to change the responsible organ to Council for Affiliate members, with reference to the Convention art. 8.8 (d) where it says that the Council shall «decide on Affiliate membership».

It is the view of the secretariat that the Convention articles 7.7 (j) and 8.8 (d) do not exclude the possibility to delegate from the General Assembly and Council certain functions in relation to the management of the membership. It follows from the Convention article 6.3 that the General Regulations shall «govern the day-to-day management of the Organization» and the General Regulations can thus be the means to delegate such functions.

It is clear that applications for membership must be decided by the General Assembly for Associate members (Convention art. 7.7 (j)) and by Council for Affiliate members (Convention art. 8.8 (d)). Decisions on membership that are by discretion should follow the same principle, and this is why the GR articles 2.5 (b) and 2.6 (c) on suspension and termination for «any justifiable cause/activities incompatible with the aim and objectives of the Organization» should be decided by the General Assembly for Associate members and by Council for Affiliate members.

However, decisions on suspension and termination due to non-payment of fees are based on the fact that fees have not been paid and on the procedural rules of the General Regulations article 2 and the Financial Regulations article 8 (decided by the General Assembly). It is an automatic procedure with little discretion left to the decision-maker. Delegation of the power to make these decisions as proposed in GR articles 2.5 (a), 2.5 (c) and 2.6 (b) is a good solution from a governance perspective since decisions on both suspension and reinstatement will be faster. In particular, for Associate members, this is notable since the General Assembly convenes every three years and it can then take up to three years for an Associate member that has not paid fees to be suspended or for a suspended member to be reinstated after the unpaid fees have been settled.

In comparison the Convention article 13.4 establishes a procedure for Member States that are two years in arrears in making contributions, who after written notification by the Secretary-General, shall be denied voting rights and the right to be elected to council ('suspended'). Member States automatically get their rights back when outstanding contributions have been paid. The proposed solution in the GR for suspension and termination of Associate and Affiliate members due to unpaid fees is more similar to the procedure for Member States than the alternative with decisions being taken by the General Assembly and Council, respectively.

This explanation was supported by [France](#) and agreed by the Conference.

[Japan](#) Clarification on when delegation from the General Assembly to the Council regarding suspension and reinstatement of Associate and Affiliate Membership will occur. It was agreed that this could be a proposed resolution at the first General Assembly of the new IGO.

United States Proposal to reorder Article 2.5 to begin with the original 2.5(c) as a new 2.5(a) to have the reason for suspension first and this was agreed.

Article 2.5(b)

Denmark Proposal to add *'The General Assembly and the Council respectively may set requirements for the reinstatement of membership'*.

Australia Proposal to change *may* to *shall*, this was agreed.

Article 2.5(d)

Singapore, Norway, Canada and Jamaica Proposal to add that the Council '*may*' reinstate an Associate or Affiliate membership, as it will need to be determined subjectively if the 'requirements' set by the General Assembly and the Council have been met by the Associate and Affiliate member for reinstatement of membership. Adding '*may*' was not agreed to, but the following text '*(d) The Council reinstates an Associate or Affiliate membership suspended under Article 2.5 (c) when the Council is satisfied that the Associate Member or Affiliate Member has met the requirements set out by the General Assembly or the Council.*' This was agreed.

Article 2.6(a)

China Proposal to add that Associate or Affiliate membership can only terminate their membership with the consent of the relevant Member State in line with the Convention, this was agreed and the text amended.

Article 2.6(b)

Russian Federation Proposal for clarity that the Secretary-General informs the Council that a suspended Associate or Affiliate member has been reinstated rather than advises, this was agreed.

Article 2.6(a)

Japan Sought clarity on whether it was the case that during the transition period from NGO to IGO if this article would cover Associate Members in accordance with the transitional arrangements of the Convention. It was agreed to amend the text to make reference to the Convention.

Article 3 – The General Assembly

Partial Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below.

Article 3.1(a)

Malaysia Proposal to remove 'by the Council' as it is stated in the Convention, this was agreed.

Singapore Proposal to make clear that this article references the General Assembly of the Organization as opposed to the General Assembly of Industrial Members referred to under Article 2.3(b), this was agreed and amended.

Japan Proposal to include that members have the right to attend the General Assembly without charge, this was agreed.

Article 3.1(c)

Japan and Canada Proposal to replace '*shall*' to '*should*' and to insert '*subject to its laws and regulations, will not prevent*' after Member States, and this was agreed with some additional amendments.

Malaysia Proposal to add '*for the purpose of participating in the General Assembly*' for clarity, this was agreed.

Canada Proposal to be clear that it is a representative of a Member State that shall not be prevented to attend the General Assembly.

Article 3.1(e)

Australia Proposal to remove 'exceptional circumstances' to convene in virtual format in order to take into account future circumstances. Russian Federation Propose removing virtual format altogether. It was agreed to leave the text as it stands.

Article 3.2(b)

Malaysia Proposal to change '*observers from*' to '*as observers*' for clarity.

Article 3.2(b) iii (new)

Australia Proposal to add additional persons that the Secretary-General may invite 'other persons or Organizations, using the following '*iii other persons or organizations as necessary for the scope of the Organization.*', this was agreed.

Article 3.2(d)

Finland Proposal to remove '*of that member state*' at the end of the draft sentence for clarity, this was agreed.

Article 3.3(e) viii

Australia Proposal to add the *overall policy* of the strategic vision to the agenda of the General Assembly, this was agreed.

Article 3.4.1(a)

Japan, United Kingdom and Australia Proposal to make clear that the Chair of the General Assembly is the President or in their absence Vice President is explicitly stated and cross referenced with the Convention Article 6.2.

Article 3.4.2(c)

Canada Observation that there is an inconsistency with the method of voting between the Convention and the General Regulations. This was agreed and the draft text was amended to reflect two thirds majority voting as described in the Convention.

Article 3.4.3(e) (new) (proposed)

Australia and the United Kingdom Proposal to future proof the section on voting by including electronic voting, added as a proposed new Article 3.4.3(e) and in Article 4.4.3(d). France, the Russian Federation, Japan and Singapore expressed reservations on the proposal for electronic voting. Therefore the proposal for the inclusion of electronic voting was placed in square brackets, to be considered at the first General Assembly.

Japan Expressed its position that wordings such as 'shall' and 'agree' should not be used in non-legally binding documents; this was not supported in the Conference, but using 'will' when the article concerns Member States was agreed.

Article 3.4.4(f)

Australia Proposal to make audio recordings of the General Assembly publicly available for good governance and transparency, this was agreed.

Papua New Guinea Proposal for an editorial to change from 'one month' to 'thirty calendar days' for consistency, this was agreed.

Article 3.5(f), 3.6(f) and 3.7(e)

Japan and Canada Raised concerns regarding the inclusion of drawing lots to elect a new Secretary-General should a simple majority not be possible. A proposal for a subsequent two votes was made and this was noted and placed in square brackets for discussion at the first General Assembly.

Article 3.5(g)

Australia Proposal that there is a mechanism for electing the President should there be a tied vote, this was agreed and text taken from other articles that address this situation.

Article 3.5(h) (new)

Singapore Proposal to include a term limit for up to two consecutive terms of three years each for the President and Vice President. United States and the Russian Federation supported this proposal. It was noted that this is not in the Convention but agreed.

Singapore Sought clarification on who will take the role of Chair in Council in the case of both the President and Vice President are unable to act, the Secretariat clarified that the President and Vice President are Member States and noted that there is a 12 months notice period if a Member State desires to withdraw from the Convention in accordance with Article 21 and, in this case, there would then be an election held at an extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

Article 3.6(c)

Australia Proposal to make it clear that Council members elected do not include the President and Vice President as stated in the Convention, this was agreed and text was added.

Article 3.6

Russian Federation Proposal to add text to reflect that you may nominate yourself for both President, Vice President and Council member but only take one position if elected. This was discussed and clarified.

Canada Proposal to change ‘*nominees*’ to ‘*candidates*’ throughout the document, this was agreed and changed.

Article 3.6(a)

Australia Proposal to make clearer that this refers to the capabilities of a Member State to undertake the position on the Council, this was agreed and *credentials* was changed to *capabilities*.

Article 3.6(i) (new)

Australia Proposal to make clear what would happen in the event of a vacant Council seat, it was agreed to add the following text ‘*Should a Member State vacate its Council membership during the term of the Council, that position would remain vacant for the term of the Council*’.

Article 3.7(a) It was agreed, for clarity, to amend ‘*from among its nationals*’ to ‘*from among their respective nationals*’.

Article 3.7(f)

Russian Federation Sought clarification on if there will be nominations and ballots for the acting Secretary-General in the event of the Secretary-Generals position becoming vacant during an interval between two General Assemblies. It was noted that there would be no requirement for nominations and the Council would determine an individual who was best suited to take on the role during the interval between the next election.

Article 3.7(g) (new)

Australia Proposal to include who would determine the terms of employment for the Secretary-General, this was agreed and the following new text was added ‘*The terms of employment for the candidate elected as Secretary-General shall be determined by the Council, with final details agreed by the President and Chair of the Finance and Audit Group as Council’s representatives*’.

Article 4 – The Council

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below

Article 4.2(a)

Canada Sought clarification on whether this reference to the President or Vice President was an individual or a Member State, it was clarified that this refers to the Member State as President or Vice President.

Brazil and Canada Proposal to change '*absence*' to '*is unable to act*' as this refers to an act of convening rather than attendance, this was agreed. Text was similarly changed in Article 4.2(c).

Brazil and Canada Proposal to make clear that this text refers to both regular and extraordinary meetings of the Council, this was agreed and the text amended.

United Kingdom and Japan Proposal to clarify in the text as to whom two Council members write to convene the Council, this also applies to Article 5.3(a). This was clarified that the two Council members would write to the Secretary-General, this was agreed and amended.

Article 4.3

Japan and Russian Federation Proposal to extend the period for Member States to comment on submitted papers to the Council from ten to twenty days, this was agreed and amended.

Article 4.3(g) iv

Thailand Proposal to include subsidiary bodies reports as well as committees in the standard agenda of the Council, this was agreed and the text amended.

Article 4.3g(v)

China Proposal to change the standard agenda item from '*Applications for Affiliate membership*' to '*Decisions on Affiliate membership*', this was agreed and amended.

Article 4.3g

United Kingdom Proposal to add an agenda item in order to explicitly report on the Organizations good governance. Following discussion, it was noted that this was already included in the Convention and, therefore, not agreed to.

Russian Federation Proposal to add the 'venue' of the next session to the standard agenda of the Council, this was agreed and added.

Article 5 – Finance and Audit Group

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below

Secretariat Proposal that all references to items to be included in the document *Staff Procedures* should be changed to the *Staff Rules*, with Canada and the United Kingdom supporting explicitly, this was agreed and Article 7.4 was deleted and 'Procedures' changed to 'Rules'.

Article 5.1

Australia Proposal for clarity to change the order of this section, this was agreed.

Russian Federation Regarding the agreed proposed new text from the United Kingdom to include the possibility of advisors with the necessary financial and regulatory skills, it was suggested to clarify which member states these advisors can be invited from. Canada suggested text that made clear that the advisors would be from the members of the Finance and Audit Group, this was agreed. France Proposal to move this at the end of the section, this was also agreed.

Article 5.2(a) and 5.2(d)

Secretariat proposal to make it clear that the Financial and Audit Group consisted of a Chair and four additional Council members, this was agreed and added.

Article 5.3

Australia Proposal to include that the Finance and Audit Group may meet in person or in virtual format, this was agreed.

Canada Proposal to add that the Financial and Audit Group will meet twice a year '*or on an extraordinary basis*', this was agreed.

Article 6 – Committees and Subsidiary Bodies

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below

Article 6.2(a)

Japan Proposal to add text that relates to the extension of the term a Chair and/or Vice Chair can serve with the Council's approval, this was agreed.

Article 6.3.1(c)

Russian Federation Proposal to include the venue for each committee meeting as well as the date for planning purposes, this was agreed. This was also included in 6.4b.

Article 6.3.1(f)

China Raised concerns and proposed to add that individuals invited to a committee meeting by the Secretary-General must be endorsed by the Member State that they belong to. Guinea, Canada, Norway, France and Japan did not support this proposal owing to the complexity of the process, it was therefore not agreed by the Conference.

Russian Federation Proposal to include that when individuals from academic, scientific, research or other relevant organizations are invited by the Secretary-General to attend a committee meeting then they should also adhere Article 6.3.1(g), this was agreed.

Article 6.3.1(g)

Gambia Proposal to change that committee participants 'should' ensure that they comply with certain aspects of conduct to 'shall', following discussion it was agreed that this would be changed to 'will'.

Article 6.3.1(g) iv

United Kingdom Proposal to include the text 'endeavour to' in front of 'keep the Organization's products free from unresolved or unreasonable intellectual property rights issues and claims' as this cannot be knowingly always guaranteed, this was agreed.

Article 6.4(b)

Canada Proposal to clarify whom the Secretariat shall inform regarding the date and venue of committee and subsidiary bodies, this was agreed and text referring to the Terms of Reference which specifies who attends each body.

United Kingdom Proposal to add that 'relevant participants' would be invited to subsidiary bodies, this was agreed.

Article 7 – The Secretariat

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below

Article 7.2(c)

Japan Proposal to add 'through open and transparent process taking into account of non-discrimination, social and geographical balance' when selecting and engaging staff, this was agreed.

Italy Proposal to change 'manage' the performance of the staff, United Kingdom suggest oversee, this was agreed.

Article 7.3

Russian Federation Propose to change 'In addition to the task...' to 'In fulfilment of....'. This was supported by Morocco and agreed.

Article 7.3(b) (new)

Japan Proposal to add 'Administer the Organization's finances under the direction of the Council' as a function of the Secretariat in accordance with the Convention. United Kingdom suggested 'shall ensure that the *Staff Rules* comply with the Convention', this was agreed.

Article 7.5 (old, now renumbered Article 7.4)

Australia Sought clarification if WWA Board Members could be appointed from outside of the Council membership; it was clarified that this is the case.

Article 8 – Conferences and Symposia

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below.

Article 8.3

Japan Proposal to add 'idea' and 'study' after equipment as to what is exhibited at conferences and symposia, Ireland suggested 'services' with the United Kingdom. It was agreed to be 'services'

Article 8.1(c)

Japan Proposal to include that the venue of the conference should be agreed by Council as well as the year, this was agreed and added.

Proposal for a new Article

No agreement

China and Georgia Proposal for a new article:

Article X Admission to Events

- 1. Member States, to which individuals or organizations belong, reserve the right to reject their attendance at any events of the Organization if they are deemed detrimental to national interests.*
- 2. Member States also have the right to voice objections regarding the admission of individuals or organizations to the events of the Organization.*
- 3. Member States' rejections and objections shall be given careful consideration in all relevant decision-making processes.*

The following interventions were then made on the proposal made by China and Georgia:

Canada Raised concerns regarding the inclusion of this article and therefore could not support it, particularly due to the vagueness of the language in the proposal and the difficulty in interpreting certain terms. Canada also stated that if any Member State has concerns with respect to an individual or organization attending an event, it is already clear that the Member State is able to express its concerns to the Secretary-General, who can then take any appropriate measures.

France Raised concerns regarding the inclusion of this article and therefore could not support it, particularly based on the late transmission of the new text, the lack of similar provisions in the basic texts of other Organizations, potential contradictions between the proposed provision and the Convention and possibility of an excessive administrative burden on the Secretariat.

Norway, Japan, Italy, United Kingdom supported the interventions of Canada and France.

China Stated that other IGOs have similar articles and that this article would protect Member States rights.

Georgia Stated that according to their domestic law, it is not possible for citizens to attend IGOs without the possibility of Georgia being able to reject their attendance and it is important that the new General Regulations align with Georgian law.

The Secretariat proposed that the text should not be included in the draft text owing to lack of support but is included in this report and will be discussed further to determine if there can be a compromise on the text. With support from Japan, France, Spain, United States, Italy, Denmark and Ireland, this was agreed.

Article 9 – Languages

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below.

Australia Questioned whether it was beneficial to specify which version of English would be used, it was agreed that this would be clarified within the *Style Guide*.

Article 10 – Amendments to the General Regulations

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below.

Secretariat Proposal to specify that the annexed Financial Regulations as well as the General Regulations may be amended by General Assembly, this was supported by Canada and agreed.

Article 11 – Termination

Agreement

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted.

Annex – Financial Regulations of the Organization

Article 1 – Application

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted.

Article 2 – Financial Governance

Agreement.

Article 2.5

Singapore Proposal to add the text concerning financial tasks carried out by the Secretariat into the body of General Regulations. The Secretariat clarified that the Financial Regulations were an annex of the General Regulations, and therefore the General Regulations includes the Financial Regulations, and therefore there was no need to also add these tasks in the General Regulations .

Article 3 – Budget

Partial agreement.

Article 3.6

United Kingdom Sought clarification as to the purpose of the sentence '*Outstanding obligations must be met within ninety calendar days of the close of the financial year.*' The Secretariat clarified that this related to obligations with the financial auditors, it was agreed that this should be made clearer and amended. Following the Conference, the United Kingdom proposed the following text that has been included in the

draft, *"The recognition of all outstanding obligations must be carried out within ninety calendar days of the close of the financial year"*.

Article 4 – Procurement

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted.

Article 5 – Financial statements

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted.

Article 6 – Cash reserve

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted.

Article 7 – Annual contributions and fees

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below.

Article 7.4(a)

Canada Proposal to amend the text from 'A Member State shall be required to pay' to 'A Member State will...', this was agreed.

Article 7.5

United Kingdom and Canada Proposal to change 'resignation' of an Associate or Affiliate Member to 'withdrawal' as it would be a more appropriate word to describe the scenario. Finland Sought clarification on whether 'withdrawal' includes the scenario of termination also, it was agreed that the word termination would better capture all eventualities.

Article 8 – Unpaid contributions and fees

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below.

Article 8.1(a)

United Kingdom Proposal for new text on the procedure of requested a waiver under the provision of Article 13.4, this was agreed and added.

Article 9 – Dedicated funds

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted.

Article 10 – External audit

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted plus amendments following the discussion and consideration of proposals made in Plenary listed below.

Article 10.4 and 5 (new)

United Kingdom Proposal to add text concerning audits in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), this was agreed with new text as Articles 10.5 and 6, but with reference to International

Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in square brackets as the Secretariat will research and advise if the IFRS is the appropriate applicable standard for the Organization.

Article 11 – Termination

Agreement.

The responses to comments provided by Delegations prior to the Conference were adopted.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked if there were any further comments, there were none.

6. CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

The Secretary-General thanked again the host for an excellent venue and arrangements. He hailed Japan as a strong and long-term supporter of IALA. He concluded by thanking the participants for their collaboration in making the draft General Regulations a mature document.

The Conference Vice-chair, Rear Admiral AWAI, then thanked participants for attending the Conference in Japan and stated how proud he was that the Japan Coast Guard has played such a key role in making the transfer of IALA from a NGO to an IGO a success. He concluded by thanking his staff who had worked tirelessly to ensure a positive meeting and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Opening and Welcome by IALA President, Admiral Marcos Almeida

*Commandant of the Japan Coast Guard, Admiral ISHII Shohei,
IALA Secretary-General, Mr. Francis Zachariae,
National members of IALA,
Representatives of the signature and acceding states of the Kuala Lumpur Convention on the International
Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation,*

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

*First of all, I'd like to thank the Japan Coast Guard, in the person of its Commandant, for hosting this
Conference in the pleasant city of Tokyo, enriched by its long and living history.*

*Let me express my happiness in meeting all of you, the IALA family, after the Rio de Janeiro Conference, hoping
that you have kept the spirit and atmosphere of compromise and cooperation.*

*I must say that part of this happiness that I feel derives from the optimism of seeing so many people
contributing to the achievement of a compromised text for the general and the financial regulations.*

*The rate of increasing number of parties to the Convention is also another reason for our happiness and
optimism, which reflects the importance given to this Organization. Also, this pace serves as an incentive for
those who are undergoing the process of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession of the convention.*

*It is my honour to declare open the conference on the draft general regulations and financial regulations for
the international organization for marine aids to navigation.*

I hope we have a fruitful and efficient work on this Conference.

Thank you.

Welcome Remarks of the Japan Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral ISHII Shohei

*Ladies and gentlemen, good morning. I am ISHII Shohei, the Commandant of the Japan Coast Guard. I am so
grateful that you came to Japan from all over the world despite your busy schedules. I would like to say few
words on the occasion of the opening of the conference.*

*First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Francis Zachariae, the Secretary General and all the
other IALA secretariat staff for your constant efforts in the management of the association and for your great
support in organizing this conference.*

*Also, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all of the IALA members
participating in this conference for your continuous dedication to maritime traffic safety.*

*We, the Japan Coast Guard, are pleased to host this conference, which will be an important milestone in IALA's
history, here in Tokyo.*

*This conference is going to be an important opportunity for the drafting of the General Regulations and
Financial Regulations that serves as the basis for the organization's daily work after transforming into an
international organization. It is not an easy task to draft the regulations, however, with the strong bonds that*

IALA members have developed over the years, I am confident that we will be able to achieve a fruitful outcome. This will serve as the lighthouse as IALA sets sail for new voyage as an international organization.

I believe that the conversion of IALA into an international organization emanated from a common global recognition of the need to make its activities more reliable and effective than ever, given the recent increase in the importance of IALA for the improvement and ongoing harmonization of Aids to Navigation. We, as a member of IALA, will continue to contribute to the safety of our oceans by working together with you all.

Last but not least, I would like to conclude my remarks by wishing IALA's continued growth and that your stay in Japan will be wonderful.

Administrative Remarks and Overview by the Secretary-General, Mr. Francis Zachariae

Excellencies, Honourable Ministers, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this Conference convened by the Japan Coast Guard to prepare the General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation. The final regulations drafts will be presented to the first General Assembly when established.

It is appropriate to start my short address by expressing my profound thanks, on behalf of IALA and its membership, to Japan Coast Guard and its Commandant admiral Shohei ISHII for inviting us to hold our conference here in Tokyo. I am most grateful to the admiral for allocating time to be here with us. The provision of such excellent facilities and services should ensure the successful running and outcome of the Conference. My special thanks go to the staff of Japan Coast Guard for shouldering the heavy task of dealing with all logistics for this event.

From my vantage seat on the podium, I am pleased to see such a sizeable audience in front of me, a clear demonstration of the goodwill of so many potential Member States, signatory States and National member representatives who have travelled to Tokyo from around the world to participate in this milestone event in IALA's history. A total of 97 delegates from 38 countries have registered.

I welcome you all wholeheartedly.

I trust that everybody has been able to access the input papers for the Conference on the IALA website. From the input paper GR 2.1 and the programme you would have gathered that we have three very busy days ahead of us and Friday as a reserve day. Following my address, the plan is to proceed swiftly to decisions on the organizational arrangements for the Conference. These were already considered by the Heads of Delegations at a meeting earlier this morning, when they agreed on a number of recommendations for the Conference to decide on.

I emphasize that the actual time available for the substantive consideration of the draft General regulations is limited. I count on everybody, therefore, to stay focused on the outstanding matters still to be decided by the Conference and ask for your cooperation in making short and clear interventions preferably with clear guidance to what text should be included or taken out. You can of course express concern, but it is less helpful at this late stage. This will ensure that all those wishing to speak have a fair chance to do so, and we shall be able to conduct our deliberations effectively and efficiently and reach a successful outcome. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and have every confidence that, at the latest by Friday, it will be possible to celebrate a mature document that have the best possibility of an easy adoption at the first General Assembly of the new IGO in Singapore.

For the benefit of delegates that have not followed the change of status process in details, I will now give a short overview of where we are and what will happen next.

The first signing ceremony of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation was held on 27 January 2021 in Paris and as depositary State of the Convention, France, was the first State to sign the Convention.

This ceremony marked the opening for signature of the Convention for a period of one year. All Member States of the United Nations, and in particular the other signatories of the Final Act of the Kuala Lumpur Conference, were invited to sign the Convention at the Protocol of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

A final signing ceremony was held at the last day of the signature period on 26 January 2022 in the IALA HQ in St. Germain-en-Laye. During the year 50 States signed the Convention. States that have signed the Convention are invited to transmit the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to France, the depositary State. All Member States of the United Nations that have not signed during the signature period, may accede to the Convention, which will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the thirtieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

As of today, 24 States have ratified accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention. We know that some more countries have actually finalized their national parliamentary process and we are just waiting for the diplomatic note to reach Paris.

The certified versions of the Convention in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish can be found on the IALA web site.

Upon the entry into force of the Convention, the first General Assembly of the IGO will need to take place within the first six months and Singapore has offered to host this event. This period is called the transition period, which you can see on the screen.

An important task of the Council during this period is the winding-up of the old IALA and transfer of all assets and liabilities to the new IGO.

The Secretariat has started the detailed preparation for the transition period between the start of the new organization the termination of the present association and the first General Assembly. For this purpose, the Secretariat has appointed a French law firm to provide legal assistance throughout the transition period and until the winding up of the Association is complete. The law firm will help with respect to the administrative formalities required by French law for the transfer of the rights, interests, assets and liabilities in favour of the new IGO.

Of special interest in this process is the Annex to the Convention (Transitional Arrangements) and Article 13 of the Constitution of the present IALA describing the automatic termination of IALA as an association.

It is important to note, that upon entry into force of the Convention and until the first General Assembly of the IGO, the President, Vice President, the Council, the Secretary General, the Secretariat and the organs of the present IALA will execute the same roles in the IGO in accordance with the relevant articles of the Convention. This provision ensures that IALA will be able to continue its tasks during the transition period until the first General Assembly of the IGO will elect the first President, Vice President, the Council, the Secretary-General and all other relevant positions according to the Convention.

As part of the Basic Documents, IALA has developed the General Regulations including Financial Regulations. In the present IALA the General Regulations and the Financial Regulations shall be agreed and changed by the Council, but in accordance with the Convention, the General Assembly will have to agree the General Regulations and Financial Regulations of the IGO.

As part of the Transitional Arrangements – the annex to the Convention- it has been decided that the present General Regulations should be used mutatis mutandis in the period from the entry into force of the Convention

and until new General Regulations and Financial Regulations – the papers you have in a draft before you - have been agreed at the first General Assembly of the IGO.

Mutatis mutandis translates in legal terms to “all necessary changes having been made” or “with the necessary changes.” In the present situation this means mainly that the IGO will be governed according to the General Regulations of the association until the IGO decides upon its General Regulations during the first General Assembly. Therefore, the technical work and everyday business of IALA will continue as before.

In the beginning of the Change of Status project, the draft General Regulations were managed in the same way as the draft Convention. They were issued before each meeting and after comments by States they were negotiated at the meetings. This was given up as they were much too complicated to agree on and took too much time from the more important negotiation on the Convention. The last version of the draft General Regulations was issued as an input paper to the Diplomatic Conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2020 and now here in Tokyo, so it is not a new paper. It has been through several iterations.

A particularly important part of the Transitional Arrangements is points 5) and 7) that deal with the transfer of National, Industrial and Associate members of the old IALA to the new IGO. We expect of course that all members will join the new organization.

Some National members might not have ratified, accepted or acceded to the Convention when it enters into force, and it is important to keep them as members of the organization for political, technical and financial reasons. The same goes for the Industrial members and Associate members who contribute with invaluable technical knowledge to the development of the technical documents.

Therefore, the process of inviting these members and the formal request procedure has started and is well underway. I will ask all of you to help us keep the members on board and encourage the Industrial and Associate members of your countries to make the necessary to enrol in the new IGO.

I now wish to close my address by reiterating our sincerest gratitude to the Japan Coast Guard for its generosity hosting this Conference and for all the courtesies extended and the facilities made available, while, at the same time, ensuring that our stay in this beautiful and lively city is enjoyable.

If there are no questions, I conclude my welcome address.



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Monday, 6th November 2023: Worldwide Academy (WWA) Preconference Seminar

12:30-13:00 **Registration** to the Seminar and Welcome Coffee
13:00-14:45 WWA Seminar
14:45-15:30 Group Photo and Coffee Break
15:30-17:00 WWA Seminar
17:30-19:30 **Welcome Reception** Conference Venue
Dress code: Business Casual or Smart Casual

Tuesday, 7th November 2023

08:30-09:30 **Registration** for the Conference
Welcome coffee (inform the HoD of the venue of their meeting)
09:30-10:00 **Meeting of the Heads of Delegations**
10:00-17:30 Plenary Meeting
10:00 **Opening session**
Opening and Welcome by IALA President,
RAdm Marcos Almeida
10:05 Welcome Remarks by the Commandant of the JCG,
Adm Shohei ISHII
10:10 Administrative Remarks and Overview by the Secretary-General, *Mr. Francis Zachariae*
11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
11:15-12:40 Conference Session
12:40-14:00 Group Photo and Lunch
14:00-15:30 Conference Session
15:30-15:45 Coffee Break
15:45-17:30 Conference Session

Wednesday, 8th November 2023

09:30-17:30 **Plenary Meeting**
09:30-11:00 Conference Session
11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
11:15-13:00 Conference Session
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:30 Conference Session
15:30-15:45 Coffee Break
15:45-17:30 Conference Session
18:30-20:30 Conference Dinner
Venue: The Classic House (5 mins by walk from the Conference room)
Dress code: Business Casual or Smart Casual

Thursday, 9th November 2023

09:30-17:30 **Plenary Meeting**

09:30-11:00 Conference Session

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 Conference Session

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Conference Session

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:30 Conference session

Friday, 10th November 2023

09:30-13:00 **Plenary Meeting**

Conference Conclusions and Closing Session

Lunch will not be organized. Self-arrangements.

In case the conference does not reach the conclusions in the morning, the meeting continues in the afternoon as well. The Conference end time to confirm is 17:30.

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Angola	Ilisio	Raimundo	Instituto Hidrografico e de Sinalizacao de Angola
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Brazil	Marcos	Almeida	Marinha do Brasil
Brazil	Walid	Seba	Embassy of Brazil in Tokyo - Brazilian Defence, Naval, Army and Air Force AttachÃ©
Brunei Darussalam	Lei	Yung	Maritime and Port Authority of Brunei Darussalam
Brunei Darussalam	Sharmin	Nain	Maritime and Port Authority Brunei Darussalam
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Cameroun	Joseph	Nguene Nteppe	Port Autonome de Douala
Cameroun	Kevin	Bikadal Bibeki	Port Autonome de Douala
Canada	Antonella	Ferro	Canadian Coast Guard
Canada	Joel	Dalibard	Global Affairs Canada
China	Feng	Xue	China Maritime Safety Administration
Denmark	Jan	Thorn	Danish Maritime Authority
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Ecuador	Carlos	Zapata	Instituto Oceanografico de la Armada
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Gambia	Ousman	Touray	Gambia Maritime Administration
Georgia	Nino	Zarandia	State Hydrographic Service of Georgia
Georgia	Revaz	Babilua	State Hydrographic Service of Georgia
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Guinea (Rep of)	Sory	Camara	Agence de Navigation Maritime

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Indonesia	Tatang	Heryana	Directorate of Navigation, Directorate General of Sea Transportations, Ministry of Transportation Indonesia
Iran	Akbar	Rostami	Ports and Maritime Organisation
Iran	Ali	Shafaei Heris	Ports and Maritime Organisation
Iran	Mehrdad	Ghaderi Goodarzi	Ports and Maritime Organisation
Ireland	Ronan	Boyle	Commissioners of Irish Lights
Italy	Piero	Pellizzari	Italian Coast Guard
Italy	Michele	Landi	Italian Coast Guard
Italy	Angelo	Patruno	Italian Navy
Italy	Francesco	Marotta	Italian Navy
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Japan	Tsuguo	Awai	Special Advisor, Japan Coast Guard
Japan	Hitomi	Sato	International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Japan	Kinji	Takeuchi	Maritime Traffic Dept., Japan Coast Guard
Japan	Kazuyuki	Tanaka	Maritime Traffic Dept., Japan Coast Guard
Japan	Hideki	Noguchi	Japan Coast Guard
Japan	Mayumi	Arita	Japan Coast Guard
Japan	Miyuki	Haraguchi	Japan Coast Guard
Japan	Hisao	Nakao	Japan Coast Guard
Japan	Yuki	Morimasa	Japan Coast Guard
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Russia	Konstantin	Speranskii	Department of Navigation and Oceanography-Russia
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Russia	Mariya	Toporikova	Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Russia
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Singapore	Angela	Png	Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore
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Sweden	Johan	Wahlström	Swedish Maritime Administration
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Thailand	Intira	Netmukda	Royal Thai Navy - Hydrographic Department
Türkiye	Serhat	Aytugel	Directorate General of Coastal Safety
United Kingdom	Mairi	Rae	Northern Lighthouse Board - Scotland

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