LAPE1 Approval

Agenda item 13.2

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Approval of documents for Council 56 – text of draft International Agreement

# Summary

This paper presents for approval by LAP:

* The text of the draft International Agreement
* Draft Council Input Paper for forwarding to the General Assembly for approval.

## 1.1 Purpose of the paper

The purpose of this paper is to provide the opportunity for LAP to review and approve output documents for forwarding to Council 56.

## 1.2 Related documents

Annex A contains the text of the draft International Agreement.

Annex B contains proposed input paper to Council 56, for forwarding to the General Assembly for approval, approving the text of the draft International Agreement and facilitating forwarding it to National members for consideration – perhaps at a diplomatic conference.

# Background

## 2.1 IALA’s aim to assist in the development and harmonisation of aids to navigation, worldwide. This aim can best be achieved if IALA has a strong, international legal framework that ensures transparency and good governance, that positions IALA to work in close collaboration with governments and other intergovernmental organisations, and that fosters the work of IALA as the peak international technical body in its field. A multilateral treaty to create IALA as an Intergovernmental Organisation has been determined to be an appropriate path to achieve this outcome.

## 2.2 Council, at its Meeting 55, approved the roadmap for the implementation of an International Agreement that would change the status of IALA from that of a non-governmental organization to that of an intergovernmental organization.

## 2.3 IALA’s Legal Advisory Panel (LAP) has, over the past 12 months, been assisting Council in the development of a suitable instrument for this purpose.

# Discussion

## 3.1 Development of the draft International Agreement

### Council 55 was provided with a draft version of the International Agreement for consideration, and some Council members provided comments on that document.

### Council determined that it was appropriate to circulate the draft International Agreement to all National Members for comment.

### In order to facilitate the widest possible consultation on the wording of the draft International Agreement, all National members were invited to attend this extraordinary LAP meeting in Copenhagen in October 2013, the purpose of which was to further consider and develop the draft International Agreement.

### As a result of the successful conduct of this meeting, a revised draft text for the International Agreement has been developed. This text is at Annex A.

### LAP is invited to approve the text of the draft International Agreement for forwarding to Council for its consideration, and if approved, for submission to the General Assembly for approval.

## 3.2 General Assembly Approval

### Proposed text for a Council paper to recommend that the General Assembly approve the draft text of the International Agreement and pass it to National members for their consideration – perhaps at a diplomatic conference, is provided in Annex B.

# References

Nil.

# Action requested of LAP

LAP is requested to:

1. Approve changes to the text of the draft International Agreement as provided in Annex A for forwarding to Council 56.
2. Approve the text of the input paper provided in Annex B for forwarding to Council 56.
3. Draft International agreement text as developed during lape1 and settled under agenda item 12
4. see separate document