Subject: 79th session of the IALA Council outcome

To: IALA members

Dear IALA member,

The 79th session of the Council meeting was held from 11 to 14 December 2023 in the Headquarters in France and by video conference.

Following a warm welcome at Headquarters after a long period of time away, each councilor could report on national matters. The Secretary-General then briefed on the important developments of IALA since the last meeting of the Council. More details were given about the transition period between the entry into force of the Convention and until IALA is constituted as an Intergovernmental Organization (IGO). Key decisions for the current and transition Council were detailed, including the development of new General Regulations and Financial Regulations and new Staff Rules.

The budget for 2024 was approved and the Council was presented with a draft budget of IALA as an IGO.

The Council approved the revised committee work programme for 2023-2027 and noted the committee meetings and events plan for 2024.

The Council approved of the following documents:

   Revised Model Course C0103-2 Ed3.0 for VTS Supervisor training.
   Guideline G1181, Ed1.0 VDES VHF Data Link (VDL) Integrity monitoring.

The Council also approved the following input papers and liaison notes to sister organizations:

   Information paper on VDES VDL integrity monitoring to IMO NCSR.
   Input papers for updating IMO SN.1/Circ297 on IALA MBS and revision of IMO SN.1/Circ296 on risk management toolbox.
   Updated MBS information and its relevance to MBS training.
   Update on IALA IGO project (A33/inf.8).
Liaison note to IHO NIPWG on S-125 approved.

The Council gave approval to the election of the selection of Faro di Genova ‘Lanterna’, Italy as the Heritage Lighthouse of the year 2024. The World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2024 main event will be organized in Italy.

The Council endorsed new members as follows:

National membership for:

- Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Cambodia.

Industrial membership for:

- Adolpha Maritime Group, Bahamas
- Grupo Acquaplan, Brazil
- Compañía Internacional de Integración Ci2 S.A, Colombia
- India Navigations Aids, India
- MSZ Offshore and Underwater Services LLP, India
- AiVeNautics Corp., Republic of Korea
- TM One, TM Technology Services SDN BHD, Malaysia
- Integral Project IT, S. de R.L de C.V, Mexico
- Horizonte AS, Norway
- National Polyethylene Company-NPC Marine, Saudi Arabia
- NCS Pte. Ltd, Singapore
- PMS Polietilen Mamulleri San Tic. A.S, Türkiye
- Carrocerias Mariara C.A, Venezuela
- WAMS, Brazil
- PT Multiintegra, Indonesia
- Danphone A/S, Denmark

Associate membership for:

- Antwerp Maritime Academy, Belgium
- Johor Port Authority, Malaysia
- Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service, Dominican Republic
- Mokpo National Maritime University, Republic of Korea
- Consorcio de Gestion del Puerto de Bahia Blanca (CGPBB), Argentina
- PT Biro Biro Klasifikat, Indonesia

The Council granted honorary membership to Phil Day (Northern Lighthouse Board), Simon Millyard (Trinity House) and Neil Trainor (Australian Maritime Safety Administration).

The full report is available at https://www.iala-aism.org/meetings/79/. Publications can be found on the website.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General