



REPORT OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE TRANSITION COUNCIL

22 August 2024, online meeting

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OPENING

The 1st session of the Transition Council was held by Video Conference on 22 August 2024.

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Marcos Almeida, President of IALA, welcomed all participants to the 1st meeting of the Transition Council. He recalled that this day marked the celebration of the entry into force of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation and the beginning of the new International Organization that will lead the Marine Aids to Navigation activities worldwide. He also paid tribute to the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities which, by reaching this new level, has achieved a deserved recognition of its long journey, carrying its long history of efforts, dedication, cooperation, and excellence. He then said that the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation was launched as a ship, navigating safely through the ocean, seas, straits, and channels to ports and terminals, fostering the safe and efficient movement of vessels and promoting technical cooperation, ready to face new challenges, as the digital era arrives, and technology revolves around all activities, defying the human being's future with the use of artificial intelligence. He congratulated all people involved in this transformation, particularly the Secretary-General, for all his efforts and passion for bringing to reality this moment, and all of those who worked hard and still work in each country to move the governmental machine to participate on this monumental achievement.

To mark this celebration day of the creation of the Intergovernmental Organization, the Secretary-General also added that a Press release was launched, and announcements were made on social media. He paid tribute and congratulated the members and all those who have worked very hard to achieve this result and encouraged them to spread the news to have it broadcasted all around the world.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was no apology received for this session.

A list of participants is at Annex B.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Input paper TC01-3.1 refers.

The agenda was approved and can be found at Annex A.

4. VACANT POSITION WITHIN COUNCIL

There was no vacant position within the Council.

5. APPROVAL OF THE LOGO OF THE ORGANIZATION

5.1 Approval of the Logo

Input paper TC01-5.1 refers.

After congratulations for the IGO achievement, Singapore brought its support to keep the logo, but asked for clarifications on the use of the acronym and if it would remain

Referring to the input paper TC01-5.1, the Secretary-General explained that the acronym is part of the logo and therefore IALA will continue to be the acronym for the new IGO.

Japan congratulated the Secretary-General on the IGO achievement and informed that the news on the IGO creation was officially circulated by the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They agreed with the continued use of the IALA Logo for the reason mentioned in the input paper. However, they raised their concern about the use of the IALA logo, stating that it should be limited to ensure that it is free from any political implication, as stated in the

Convention. The Secretary-General thanked Japan for the comments and concerns. He then recalled that the organization remained technical and, non-political and underlined the aim to keep it that way in the future.

After consideration, the Transition Council agreed on the necessity and importance of transferring the logo and the acronym of the Association to the new Organization.

The Transition Council approved the logo for the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation with the Acronym (IALA).

6. TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

The Secretary-General, Francis Zachariae gave a short update and follow-up from the last meeting of the Council about the transition arrangements and the winding up of the association

He also reminded the Council of the timing for the planned meeting of the Transition Council and that there could be a need for short on-line meetings between TR02 and Council in December.

The Transition Council noted the transition arrangements.

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Input papers TC01-7.1 and TC01-7.1.1 refer.

The Secretary-General introduced papers TC01-7.1 and recalled the Council's duty to formally convene the General Assembly of the IGO in Singapore. Input 7.1.1, the draft invitation, included suggested amendments from Councillors for Australia and Singapore. The invitation letter in English version would be sent out by the Secretariat as soon as possible. Once it has been translated into the five other official languages of the IGO by the help of the members, these versions will be uploaded to the website.

Action item 1

The Transition Secretariat to send out Circular Letter CL2024-01 to Members of the IGO.

Action item 2

The Transition Secretariat to upload the Circular letter in the five other official languages on the website when they are received.

The Secretary-General also recalled that as decided at Council 80 in Istanbul, a working group consisting of voluntary Councillors would be established to develop a draft declaration.

Action item 3

The Transition Secretariat to coordinate the Drafting Working Group on Singapore Declaration.

Council member from Malaysia thanked Singapore for hosting the 1st General Assembly of the IGO. He asked for clarifications on the "Singapore declaration" He expressed some reservations and proposed to rename it an "IALA Declaration" for a more inclusive approach to reflect a more collective work instead of one Nation. He also proposed to put the Singapore declaration in "brackets" in the Circular letter.

None of the other Councillors expressed reservations about it.

Singapore expressed its honor to host the 1st General Assembly of the IGO and thanked the Minister of State. They explained that the aim was to develop a meaningful declaration to mark the significant milestone achieved as an IGO and the cooperation in the future. A first draft could be prepared for the Transition Council.

After congratulations, Councillors from Spain and Morocco renewed their support for the translations of the documents and informed the Council that they have involved official translators to help them. Once the translation is made, they would circulate these documents respectively to the other Spanish and Arabic speaking countries to be reviewed before they can forward this to the Secretariat in early September and October.

The Secretary-General thanked them for their support.

The Council agreed to convene the General Assembly on 18-23 February 2025 in Singapore in accordance with Article 8.8.(e) of the IALA Convention. The Circular letter giving notice of the General Assembly was approved, and some council members indicated their willingness to participate in the drafting group for the declaration.

The United Kingdom enquired confirmation about the ministerial programme during the General Assembly in order to put it in their agenda as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General confirmed that the Secretariat will work with Singapore on the invitations to the Ministers and that plans would be made shortly as the timing is crucial. The ministers could also participate in the signing of the declaration. Singapore confirmed these plans as well.

The President thanked the Council members for their intervention and the Secretary-General for the updates.

The Transition Council convened the General Assembly, and approved the Draft Circular Letter and arrangements for the General Assembly.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. DATES AND VENUES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

The Council approved the following dates and venues for the Transition Council and IGO Council:

- Transition Council 02: 18-19 September 2024, IALA Headquarters.
- Transition Council 03/C81: 9 to 13 December 2024, IALA Headquarters.
- IGO Council 01: 21 February 2025, Singapore.

The President thanked Singapore for hosting the General Assembly and all Transition Councillors for their participation.

ANNEX A – AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

APPROVED AGENDA

ITEM		ACTION REQUESTED
1.	PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS	Note
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Note
3.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	
3.1	Draft Agenda	Approve
4.	VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN THE COUNCIL	Note
5.	APPROVAL OF THE LOGO OF THE ORGANIZATION	
5.1	Approval of the Logo	Approve
6.	TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS	
6.1	Winding up of the association	Note
7.	ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
7.1	Arrangements for the General Assembly	
7.1.1	Draft Invitation to the General Assembly	Approve
8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Note
9.	DATES AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING	Approve

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ANNEX C – ACTION ITEMS

Action item 1

The Transition Secretariat to send out Circular Letter CL2024-01 to Members of the IGO.

Action item 2

The Transition Secretariat to upload the Circular letter in the five other official languages on the website when they are received.

Action item 3

The Transition Secretariat to coordinate the Drafting Working Group on Singapore Declaration.

ANNEX D – RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE 1st TRANSITION COUNCIL

The Transition Council approved the logo for the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation with the Acronym (IALA).

The Transition Council noted the transition arrangements.

The Transition Council convened the General Assembly, and approved the Draft Circular Letter and arrangements for the General Assembly.



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