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	IALA change of status project
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MOU between IALA and China

Background

Referring to Action Items from LAP13, we revised the draft MoU both following some advices from LAP13 and taking into account a MoU between MOT and IRU (International Road Transport Union). We did not receive any comments or feedback from LAP members, which was required as an action item of LAP13.

Action requested from the Panel

The Panel is requested to consider the revised draft MoU as attached as Annex 1.

Supporting documents

None.

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China
and
the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation
and Lighthouse Authorities

The Ministry of Transport (MOT) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), with regard to the change of legal status of IALA for the benefit of the development of world marine aids to navigation in general, have agreed to the following principles:

1. After IALA's transformation from a non-governmental organization into an intergovernmental organization, its membership will cover both country members and non-country members.
2. IALA, as an intergovernmental organization, fully acknowledges and understands the position and policy of the "One-China Principle" taken by the Chinese Government regarding the Taiwan issue. Among IALA members under the heading of "China", government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) shall be the country member as a sovereign state represented by the Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (China MSA) under MOT and referred as the designation of "China". In no cases shall any organizations or institutions of Chinese Taiwan be allowed to become any form of IALA members.

3. IALA ensures that in no cases shall anything bearing the symbol of Chinese Taiwan such as flag, card, emblem and anthem, etc., be allowed to appear in any activities of IALA, and that no expressions, which may give rise to the interpretation of “Two Chinas” or “One China, One Taiwan”, shall be used in any IALA publications.
4. IALA will commit itself to strictly abiding by the above principles in dealing with the Chinese Taiwan issue in IALA.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed on *** in ***, and becomes effective from the date of its signature. The MOU is established in duplicate in the English and Chinese language, each text being equally authentic.