

JOINT IALA Strategy/PAP meeting
IALA HQ
29-30 April 2013

Comment received from Canadian Councillor Daniel Breton

On Wednesday 3rd April our Councillor from Canada sent by e-mail the following comments:

Mike / Francis / Christian

As I will not attend PAP/Strategy and am unsure how feedback is to be provided, here are my thoughts:

I am generally comfortable with the overall work plan but I am questioning IALA's continued role in shipboard equipment and in PNT. For shipboard equipment, perhaps it may be best to make a clear statement to IMO that IALA's mandate is not shipboard but that we see a need to be filled with regard to harmonizing shore-based services with shipboard and that IALA would be pleased to work in co-operation with any organization that IMO will decide to oversee shipboard matters related to e-Navigation. As for PNT, I think the case has been made for a back-up in an e-Navigation environment. The issue of the future for IALA in my mind is linked to determining the proper mix of conventional aids in an e-Navigation environment, and specifically, what guidance could IALA provide in this regard. Once a proper mix had been implemented, then the issue of e-Navigation PNT back-up takes its importance. With technology evolving so rapidly, there may be a variety of back-up solutions that may be available at much lower costs at that point in time than in today's environment.

I wish you a productive meeting.

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The Group is invited to consider these comments.