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UN Sustainable Development Goals

1. BACKGROUND

This document comments on the work of IALA and its relationship to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

2. IALA'S WORK AND UN SDGS

The motto of IALA, "Successful voyages, sustainable planet", reflects our commitment to the environment, sustainability and legacy in our work. IALA already has been pledging itself to sustainable development.

In September 2015, the UN member states adopted the 2030 agenda for sustainable development including the 17 sustainable development goals and 169 related targets. The UN has developed a SDGs platform to register and monitor the work.

Goal Number 14 is "conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development." A lot of work of IALA is protecting life at sea and the environment. In addition, the WWA's missions are focused on the countries in need, where the maritime transport is often the backbone of the country. This activity is related to SDG Goal "Number 1 No poverty", "Number 7 Affordable and clean energy", "Number 9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure" and "Number 17 Partnerships for the goals".

3. DISCUSSION

Many international organizations participate in this initiative and it is important for IALA and its Committee and organs to be aware of the SDGs. However, recognizing the limited resources of the Secretariat, it is not possible to actively join this initiative at present. IALA could start to contribute to the project indicators when IALA becomes an IGO.

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE PANEL

The Panel is requested to note that IALA supports the UN SDGs in principle, and to make members and Committee participants aware of this when sustainability matters arise in the course of our work.