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| **IALA COUNCIL**  **CoS 4** |  | **10 – 11 May 2016**  **Input paper 1.4.** |

**IGO Action Plan – Convention text and related documents**

Note by the Secretariat

#### General

IALA General Assembly has agreed that IALA’s aim to assist in the development and harmonisation of aids to navigation worldwide can best be achieved if IALA has a strong, international legal framework that ensures transparency and good governance, that positions IALA to work in close collaboration with governments and other intergovernmental organisations, and that fosters the work of IALA as the peak international technical body in its field.

A multilateral convention to create IALA as an International Intergovernmental Organisation (IGO) has been determined to be the path to achieve this outcome. The current draft IALA Convention is input paper CoS4-1.2.1.

#### Draft general regulation

The next steps of the IGO Action plan is development of draft General Regulation and a draft HQ agreement.

The Legal Advisory Panel (LAP) has been assisting Council in the development of the General Regulation and Council gave some input to the first draft at C62 in June 2016 in Lisbon. At its meeting in Helsinki in October 2016 the LAP finalized their work on the draft General Regulation based on the advice from Council and from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The draft General Regulation is input paper 1.4.1.

The next step will be development of a draft Head Quarters Agreement with the host Country. This work has started by the Secretariat and a draft will be presented to LAP and then Council during 2017.

#### THE cos IS REQUESTED TO

**Consider the draft General Regulation text with a view to agree the text and submit it to Council C63 for approval.**