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FREQUENCY OF THE REVISION OF PUBLICATIONS³

1. BACKGROUND

At Council 77, councillors from Spain and Chile submitted this proposal on the frequency of the publication revision. The Council was invited to consider the proposal for periodic updates to Standards, Recommendations, Guidelines, and Manuals every set duration (for instance, every 3 or 5 years). Updates prior to this period should only be undertaken if they are of significant relevance. Council 77 decided to send this proposal to PAP for consideration and expects the PAP to discuss and report back to Council 79 in December 2023.

2. DISCUSSION

IALA's involvement in regulatory matters is commendable, with nearly 300 technical documents that are regularly updated by various committees and working groups.

This activity results in the frequent revision of a multitude of documents, which can potentially lead to confusion. As the older reference documents used by countries for regulatory purposes become outdated, the continuous updates may also result in inefficient efforts in editing and translating these documents.

For these reasons, it is asked to consider the proposal for periodic updates to the various technical documents and recommendations every set period (for example, every 3 or 5 years). Only updates of significant relevance should be executed prior to this period.

3. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE PAP

Discuss the proposal made by Spain and Chile and report the outcome of the discussion back to Council 79.

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