

Agenda item 8 OTHER IALA GROUPS**8.1 Legal Advisory Panel****8.1.1 LAP14 – Extraordinary LAP meeting****Note by the Secretariat****1. Background**

The meeting was convened following identification by Council 56 of a number of matters for consideration by all National Members regarding the change of status of IALA to an Intergovernmental Organization.

2. LAP Meeting 14 - Extraordinary

The meeting considered and agreed upon draft changes to the IALA Constitution which will facilitate the on-going operations of IALA as an Association, and which will also allow for transition to intergovernmental status whilst complying with French law.

The meeting also undertook a review of the risks associated with the change of status, and developed a project risk register for consideration by Council.

The meeting, noting the importance of clear guidance in regard to the pursuit of international organisation status, developed a General Assembly Resolution for presentation to Council. The purpose of the Resolution is to formally document the considerations of the General Assembly, and to record the mandate of that body for Council and the Secretariat to work to achieve the change of status for IALA.

To assist Council, the meeting developed a Case for Change working document that articulates some of the benefits of the change of status for IALA. The meeting agreed that development of a document consolidating the risks and benefits should be undertaken, and this was done by the LAP Chair and the Secretariat for circulation to participants.

Participants were invited to start the process necessary to have their representatives aware of the matters that Council may put before the General Assembly. They were also invited to submit comments on the text of the draft International Agreement for consideration at the time that work on the text recommences.

The Secretariat finalized the necessary papers for approval by electronic vote and the majority of Councillors approved the documents. The approved documents are submitted under Agenda item 11 – IALA General Assembly.

3. Action

Council is requested to Note.