

Agenda item 7 IALA TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES**7.1 Policy Advisory Panel****7.1.1 PAP 27 – Extraordinary PAP meeting**Note by the Secretariat**1. Background**

At its 56th Session, Council agreed a Strategic Vision for IALA for the period 2014-2026. Included within this Strategic Vision are the following.

- Goal 1 for 2026 - Ensure that aids to navigation systems and related services, including e-Navigation, Vessel Traffic Services, and emerging technologies, are harmonised through international cooperation and the provision of standards
- Strategy 1 under this Goal 1 - Develop standards suitable for direct citation by States in areas deemed important by the General Assembly, and continue to improve strong governance, including document policy and procedure for standards
- Priority 1 for 2014-2018 - Transform the IALA product line by redefining and restructuring existing documentation to meet the future needs of the organisation, including document content, the approval process, and accessibility

Priority 2 for 2014-2018 - Deliver a limited suite of high level standards suitable for direct citation by States and by other international organisations.

2. PAP Meeting 27

The PAP held an Extraordinary meeting at IALA HQ on 27 and 28 March to discuss IALA documentation for the future. The Danish Maritime Authority kindly provided the services of Mr Bjørn B Pedersen to act as meeting facilitator.

A hierarchical pyramid structure linking of Standards, Recommendations, and Guidelines was considered necessary for the future, and approval levels were also discussed. Consideration of how the existing documents could be moved into the new structure was also discussed at length.

The Secretariat will provide an input paper to Council for its 59th Session in September 2014, with the objective of obtaining Council agreement on a new document hierarchy and approval scheme. If Council agreement is secured, work would start at the first Committee meetings in October and November 2014.

3. Action

Council is requested to Note.