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Dear Mr Rebollo

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As you may be aware, Australia is unable to attend the 61st session of IALA Council in Dakar, Senegal. However, I can confirm that Australia is pleased to approve all agenda items where approval of Councillors is requested.

I would also like to provide a few comments to support or clarify Australia's position on two specific agenda items.

Agenda item 7.2 - IALA Standards

- Australia is pleased to approve the plan for IALA Standards on the basis that Council are only being requested to approve the proposed seven Standards, which appear in blue boxes on the diagram. Australia considers the issues identified in white boxes to be 'general' topics only where recommendations may be developed in the future.

Agenda item 7.3.2.3 - Draft Convention text

- Australia approves the draft Convention text as written, however would support further consideration of the number of contracting parties required to bring the convention into effect. The text currently refers to 30 states. Australia would support 24 states. This number would be sufficient to allow a council to be formed even in the event that no further states become party in the 7 months before the General Assembly will elect the first IALA IGO Council.

On behalf of Australia, I wish you all the best for a successful session of IALA Council.

Yours sincerely

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