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**11 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES**

**11.2 – ENG**

11.2.2 – Proposal to revoke Recommendation E-105

Note by the ENG Committee

**1. BACKGROUND**

The Engineering & Sustainability (ENG) Committee is engaged in reviewing all documents in preparation for the new suite of IALA Standards. On reviewing Recommendation E-105 on *The Need to Follow National and International Standards*, it is considered to be outdated and no longer bringing value to the reader.

**2. DISCUSSION**

Recommendation E-105 is a short Recommendation of little more than one paragraph, the text is below for ease of reference. If the Recommendation is to be retained it needs significant editing as in the preamble it states that it is felt not appropriate to have IALA Standards.

Guideline 1052 – *Quality Management Systems for Aids to Navigation Service Delivery* provides good guidance on this topic.

Text of E-105 Recommendation – *RECOMMENDS that Lighthouse authorities make as much use as possible of available national and international standards, which can provide a very acceptable level of quality in their equipment; Purchasing authorities include reliability and quality requirements in their specifications; Suppliers of proprietary equipment be asked to provide information on the standards they adopt and the quality assurance procedures that they operate and that preference be given to suppliers who have some form of official certification approval of their quality assurance procedures from their National Standards Authority; and, Lighthouse Authorities consider the feasibility of setting up their own internal quality assurance procedures.*

**3. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO**

**Approve** the proposal to revoke Recommendation E-105 on the Need to Follow National and International Standards.