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To  
**Mr. FRANCIS ZACHARIAE**  
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**Subject :** National Matter of Kingdom of Morocco for the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the IALA Council Meeting from 13- 17 December 2021

**Référence:** IALA Circular letter n° 17/2021 dated 11-10-2021

Sir,

With reference to IALA Circular Letter n° 17/2021 dated 11-10-2021, I have the pleasure to inform IALA-Council regarding " National Matters " as below :

1- Kingdom of Morocco has signed the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, by its Ambassador in France, His excellency Mister Chakib Benmoussa on the july, 13th 2021.

A project of law (number 75.21) accepting the convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, is under study by gouvernement council.

2- Morocco is conducting its program of Conservation and valorization of twenty lighthouses which have been selected according to their architectural, historical, social and cultural significance. Cap Spartel Lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse of Morocco, is located at the strait of Gibraltar, one of the most important and strategic passages in maritime roads.

Cap Spartel Lighthouse was opened for visitors on july 2021. Visitors can enjoy botanic gardens and view on Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea meeting point. They can also visit the first morrocan lighthouse museum inside Cap Spartel building. The musuem offers a didactic experience on the maritime history of Morocco and promotes the role of aids to navigation and their technical evolution over time. This project has been realised under a Public Private Partnership.

Therefore, Cap Spartel lighthouse will be candidate for 2022 IALA Heritage Lighthouse of the Year Award. Morocco is seeking IALA council members to support Cap Spartel lighthouse candidacy as the first lighthouse in Africa to be promoted worldwide.

Yours sincerely, **La Directrice des Ports  
et du Domaine Public Maritime**

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