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17 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17.2 – WWA Disaster Recovery Fund

Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

There is no internationally agreed definition of a disaster, but a disaster is an unwanted incident with a severe impact such as injuries, loss of lives, assets, or disruption of service. Disasters can be natural or man-made or even a combination of both and they can be characterised by their severity.

The Secretariat has put in place operational procedures on what to do in the event of a disaster, elaborating on what to consider, and which actions could be taken towards members and others who may be affected.

2. DISCUSSION

The association does not have any dedicated funds for the purpose of assisting members to recover from disasters, and therefore the actions taken in the past have typically been an expression of sympathy and solidarity and offering some assistance where and when possible.

In the case of Ukraine, the actions taken by the secretariat have been a bit more substantial as explained in paper C75 17, and many members are considering how they can accommodate the request for assistance issued by our member, the SHSU (C75-17.1.2).

The Ukraine situation has given inspiration to the idea of establishing a “Disaster Recovery Fund” (DRF) which would be available for the Secretariat to take both short- and longer-term actions requiring non-trivial financial resources, and which could help those struck by disaster to recover as quickly and efficiently as possible.

3. SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

The DRF, which should be entirely funded by sponsors, could be placed within the World-Wide Academy. This will ensure that the DRF is kept completely independent of the core budget of the association.

Australia (AMSA) has informed the Secretariat that they have decided to provide a sponsorship of AUS\$ 50.000 to the DRF, aimed at assisting Ukraine to recover from its current situation. This will enable the World-Wide Academy to take an active role in assisting Ukraine as much as possible.

There is an opportunity for other members follow the example of Australia and provide financial support to Ukraine through the DRF.



THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Note the information provided.

Consider deciding “that the IALA World-Wide Academy shall establish the “World-Wide Academy Disaster Recovery Fund” (WWA DRF), with the objective of assisting coastal States, who are struck by disaster, to re-establish and strengthen further their ability to ensure safety of navigation in their area of responsibility. The WWA DRF shall be independently funded by sponsorships.”

Consider encouraging IALA members to provide sponsorships to the WWA DRF.