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8 – Strategy and policy

8.8 – Council Strategy Drafting Group

Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

At session 63 of Council, December 2016, the Council supported the idea of establishing a Strategy Drafting Group, chaired by Christian Forst of Germany with Scott Smith of the USA as Vice Chair, as a replacement for the current Council Strategy Group, based on the following points. (See Report clause 8.5.)

- A Strategy Drafting Group should be created, as a replacement of the current Council Strategy Group, consisting of a limited number of Councillors, chaired by the current Strategy Group Chair Christian Forst with Scott Smith as Vice Chair;
- A good spread of continents should be achieved in the Strategy Drafting Group;
- The Secretariat would provide secretarial support;
- The Strategy Drafting Group would meet twice a year before Council sessions and inter-sessionally by electronic means;
- To avoid duplication of discussions the IALA Strategy would be debated during Council plenary on the basis of inputs prepared by the Strategy Drafting Group;
- The former Strategy Group ToRs would remain valid for the Strategy Drafting Group.

At session 64 of Council, the Strategy Drafting Group commenced action to contact all IALA members to gain their views on the possible contents of the high level IALA strategy.

At Council session 65 in December 2017, the Strategy Drafting Group held its second meeting. It was advised that in response to the letter seeking members' views on strategy, 17 replies (14 National members, 1 Associate member, 2 Industrial members) were received at the IALA secretariat on following areas;

- Connectivity, port CDM, Shore services (for future VTS, revision IMO Resolution A.857(20));
- MASS (Autonomous ships);
- Traditional AtoN in the future;
- Capacity building ;
- UN Sustainable Development Goals;
- Special IMC needs.

Based on this information, and after discussion, the Strategy Drafting Group proposed improvements to the Strategic Vision 2014-2026 to be considered by Council for the Strategic Vision 2018-2026.



2. STRATEGY DRAFTING GROUP, TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the earlier Council Strategy Group were agreed at session 60 of Council, held in Malaysia in May 2015. They follow. These TOR have not been reviewed by Council since.

C60 Report, Appendix A, IALA Council Strategy Group, revised Draft Terms of Reference

1. Introduction

The aim of IALA is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonisation of aids to navigation worldwide and other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the environment.

2. Strategic Vision

The Council adopted a Strategic Vision for IALA at its 56th session held in Goa, India in December 2013. This Strategic Vision included two Goals to be achieved by 2024, a set of Strategies, and Priorities for the four-year work period 2014-2018.

At the 18th Session of the General Assembly in A Coruna, Spain, on 27 May 2014, the General Assembly adopted a Resolution on IALA's change of status to that of an International Intergovernmental Organization (IGO).

3. Objectives

The IALA Council Strategy Group should provide high-level advice to the IALA Council in the following areas.

- a. The expected future developments in marine navigation and related regulatory regimes, sea transport economics, and world economic developments and the possible impact of these developments on the aim and functions of IALA
- b. Review of the Strategic Vision of IALA as a result of these developments and propose adjustments if needed.

4. Composition

The IALA Strategy Group will function under the direction of a Chair and a Vice-Chair appointed by the IALA Council from among its members.

All Councillors and/or their representatives may take part in the work of the IALA Strategy Group.

The Chair may also invite experts and representatives from relevant international organisations to its meetings and may further involve them in achieving the objectives of the IALA Strategy Group.

5. Deliverables

The IALA Strategy Group should produce regular written advice to Council in accordance with its Objectives described above, and no less frequently than once per year, normally prior to a Council meeting.

6. Procedures

The IALA Strategy Group should hold meetings at least once each year. Meetings may be in person or by electronic means and may be held more frequently if deemed necessary by the Chair.



The IALA Strategy Group should make use of electronic tools (e-mail, correspondence groups, discussion forums, teleconferences/computer conferences etc.) to augment regular meetings, as required, to progress the work.

The Chair may create sub-groups or make use of other Council advisory groups, in particular the Policy Advisory Panel, to facilitate the tasks of the Working Group. Any sub-group is to operate at the direction of the Chair or Vice-Chair.

Secretariat support for the Working Group will be provided by the IALA Secretariat at the direction of the Secretary-General.

3. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED

The Council is requested to Consider.