

## **PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE**

1. This draft Final Act has been prepared by the Secretariat following the template used in the IMO and other International Organizations in Diplomatic Conferences.

### **Signature of the Final Act**

2. The Final Act may be signed by any or all members of a governmental delegation at the discretion of the delegation itself. No commitment is involved in signing the Final Act and, therefore, only signatures are inscribed, no other statement or declaration should be added to the document.

3. Signature of the Final Act attests to the work and structure of the Conference and records the adoption, by the Conference, of an agreement on the Convention of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation. However, the Final Act is not itself a treaty instrument and, therefore signing the Final Act does not constitute a legal commitment on the part of the country of the signing delegations with regard to the instrument adopted. Any such commitment will need to take place in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and principles of the treaty law as well as the practice and legal arrangements followed by each national Government.

**DRAFT FINAL ACT OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION**

1. The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), in its resolution of 27 May 2014 in La Coruna, Spain, believing that international intergovernmental organization status would best facilitate IALA's aims into the future, determined that IALA should strive to achieve such status as soon as is possible by supporting the development of an international convention.
2. The French Republic hosted a First Preparatory Conference in Paris on 18-19 April 2017, where the preparation of a consolidated text of a draft Convention of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation began.
3. A Second Preparatory Conference took place in Marrakesh on 7-8 February 2018 hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco, followed by a Third Preparatory Conference in Istanbul on 12-14 March 2019 hosted by the Republic of Turkey, where the preparation of the consolidated text of a draft Convention continued.
4. The Third Preparatory Conference agreed that the prepared text of a draft Convention on the establishment of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation was sufficiently advanced for consideration at a Diplomatic Conference.
5. The Diplomatic Conference on the Convention of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation met in Kuala Lumpur from 25-28 February 2020, following the kind invitation of the Government of Malaysia.
6. The following [82] States were represented at the Conference by the following delegations:

[ALGERIA	KUWAIT
ANGOLA	LATVIA
ARGENTINA	MADAGASCAR
AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA
BELGIUM	MALTA
BERMUDA	MEXICO
BRAZIL	MOROCCO
BULGARIA	MOZAMBIQUE
CAMEROON	NETHERLANDS
CANADA	NEW ZEALAND
CHILE	NIGERIA
CHINA	NORWAY
COLOMBIA	OMAN
CONGO	PANAMA
CROATIA	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
CUBA	PERU
DENMARK	PHILIPPINES
ECUADOR	POLAND
EGYPT	PORTUGAL

ESTONIA	QATAR
FIJI ISLAND	ROMANIA
FINLAND	RUSSIA
FRANCE	SAUDI ARABIA
GABON	SENEGAL
GEORGIA	SINGAPORE
GERMANY	SOUTH AFRICA
GHANA	SPAIN
GREECE	SUDAN
GUINEA	SURINAME
ICELAND	SWEDEN
INDIA	TANZANIA
INDONESIA	THAILAND
IRAN	TUNISIA
IRAQ	TURKEY
IRELAND	UNITED KINGDOM
ITALY	UKRAINE
IVORY COAST	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
JAMAICA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JAPAN	URUGUAY
KENYA	VENEZUELA
KOREA (Rep. of)	VIETNAM]

7. The following States sent observers to the Conference:

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8. The following intergovernmental organization sent observers to the Conference:

[ORGANIZATION...]

9. The following non-governmental organizations sent observers to the Conference:

[ORGANIZATION...]

10. The Conference was opened by the Honourable Loke Siew Fook, Minister of Transport of Malaysia, and he welcomed the participants on behalf of the Government of Malaysia. The Secretary-General of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities also welcomed the delegations and thanked the host Country for the generous support.

11. The Conference elected [X], as President of the Conference.

12. The Vice-Presidents elected by the Conference were:

[X; and  
Y]

13. The Secretariat of the Conference consisted of the following officers:

Secretary-General: Mr. Francis Zachariae,

Secretary-General, IALA

Executive Secretary: Ms. Christina Schneider,  
Chair of the Legal Advisory Panel

Deputy Executive Secretaries: Mr. Henning Teigene Osnes,  
Vice-Chair of the Legal Advisory Panel

Ms. Marie-Hélène Grillet,  
Secretariat, IALA

14. The Conference established a Committee of the Whole with the mandate to consider the draft Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, and any related recommendations and resolutions.

15. The Drafting Committee established by the Conference was composed of representatives of the following nine States:

[STATE 1  
STATE 2  
STATE 3  
Up to, but not more than  
STATE 9]

16. A Credentials Committee was appointed to examine the credentials of representatives attending the Conference. The Committee was composed of representatives of the following five States:

[STATE 1  
STATE 2  
STATE 3  
STATE 4  
STATE 5]

17. The officers elected for the Committees were as follows:

**Committee of the Whole**

Chairman: [X  
First Vice-Chairman: Y  
Second Vice-Chairman: Z]

**Drafting Committee**

Chairman: [X  
Vice-Chairman: [Y]

**Credentials Committee**

Chairman: [X]

18. The Conference used as the basis of its work the draft Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation of March 2019, produced at the Third Preparatory Conference held in Istanbul on 12-14 March 2019.

19. As a result of its deliberations, recorded in the reports of the respective Committees and in the records of decisions of plenary meetings of the Conference and meetings of the Committee of the Whole, the Conference adopted the Convention of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, which constitutes attachment 1 to this Final Act.

20. The Conference also adopted the Resolution on the working language of the Organization and the Resolution on Preparation of the Convention and Signature Ceremony set forth in attachment 2 to this Final Act.

21. This Final Act is established in a single original text in the [English, French and Spanish] languages and is deposited, including its attachments, with the French Republic.

22. The French Republic shall send certified copies of this Final Act and its attachments and certified copies of the authentic text of the Convention of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, to the Governments of the States invited to be represented at the Conference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have affixed their signatures to this Final Act.

DONE AT Kuala Lumpur this twenty eighth day of February two thousand and twenty.

Country and signature without printed name