

United States of America Proposed Changes to IALA Draft Convention

Article	Comment	Proposed Changes
2	<p>The United States seeks a new and independent participation category that reflects the unique status of current National Members of IALA that are unable at this time to commit to joining the Convention. Current National Members like the United States should not be relegated to the same category as non-State, non-governmental entities.</p> <p>(Note: Specific proposed changes to Articles 7.2 and 8.2 to expand the composition of the General Assembly and Council to include Legacy Members are outlined below. Minor corresponding changes would also be required to other Articles, including Articles 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16, and to the Annex on Transitional Arrangements.)</p>	<p>Add new Article 2.2<i>bis</i>:</p> <p>Legacy Member means a State that participates as a National Member of IALA at the time of entry into force of this Convention that is not a Member State as defined in paragraph 2.2.</p>
7.2	The United States proposes expanding the membership of the General Assembly to include “Legacy Members” as defined in the proposed Article 2.2 <i>bis</i> above.	<p>Modify Article 7.2 as follows:</p> <p>The General Assembly shall consist only of Member States <u>and Legacy Members</u>. Attendance shall also be open to Associate Members and Affiliate Members.</p>
8.2	The United States proposes expanding the membership of the Council to include “Legacy Members” as defined in the proposed Article 2.2 <i>bis</i> above.	<p>Modify Article 8.2 as follows:</p> <p>The Council shall consist of the President and the Vice President and twenty three other Member States <u>or Legacy Members</u>.</p>
5.4	The United States proposes deleting this paragraph in its entirety because: (1) the rights and obligations of the Member States should be reflected in the Convention itself, not in the General Regulations; and (2) an international organization is not competent to determine the rights and obligations of non-Member States, including States that are current national members of IALA as defined in the second paragraph of Article 2.3.	Delete Article 5.4