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IALA Secretary General
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Your REF: G/IGO/19-249 **Australia's comments on the draft IALA Convention text**

Dear Secretary General

In accordance with the invitation by the Secretary General of IALA to the Diplomatic Conference, 25 to 28 February 2020, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Australia hereby submits its comments, with reference to the following paragraph of the draft Convention as agreed at the 3rd Preparatory Diplomatic Conference in Istanbul (document KL-6.1.2 (E)):

Article 5.3 Membership

The Council may require or a Member State may request that aspects of an application for Affiliate Membership be reviewed by the Member State (or Member States) where the applicant carries out its activities or has its principal place of business or registered office. If supported by the Member State (or Member States), who requested the review, then Affiliate membership [shall/may] be granted by the Council.

Australian proposal

- i. Australia suggests the reviewing State(s), rather than the requesting State, would be best placed to make the recommendation to Council.
- ii. Australia supports "may" instead of "shall".

Proposed amended text

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Yours sincerely

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