**ANNEX B**

Council 56 Approval

Agenda item XXX

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Approval of Changes to the IALA Constitution

# Summary

This paper presents changes to the IALA Constitution for approval by Council in the form of a draft Council Input Paper for forwarding to the General Assembly.

## Purpose of the paper

The purpose of this paper is to provide the opportunity for Council to review and approve changes to the IALA Constitution for forwarding to the General Assembly.

## Related documents

Annex A contains proposed amendments to IALA’s current Constitution.

Annex B contains a proposed input paper for forwarding to the General Assembly, adopting the amendments to the Constitution noted above.

# Background

## The current IALA Constitution is the governing instrument for IALA. It requires changes to allow IALA to continue to operate efficiently in the period between the General Assembly of 2014 and the entry into force of the International Agreement. The duration of this period will be determined by the time taken for the required number of Contracting Parties (currently set at 15, one of which must be the Government of the French Republic) to agree to be bound by the Agreement. The current estimate for this is in the order of 2 years from May 2014.

## In light of support for the move toward international organisation status the Constitution could also be amended to allow the Association, through its governing bodies, to exercise the necessary powers to terminate the Association when the circumstances are appropriate for it to do so. It is suggested that this change could allow for automatic termination on entry into force of the International Agreement.

# Discussion

## Changes to the IALA Constitution

### The proposed changes to the IALA Constitution are shown in Annex A in mark-up. The majority of the changes to the Constitution are minor, and have been requested by Council in response to matters raised since the last General Assembly in 2010.

### The most significant change is the proposed amendment of Article 13. This change has been proposed by the Legal Advisory Panel and is required to facilitate the winding up of the IALA Association upon entry into force of the International Agreement. It is suggested so that the transition process is both certain and smooth.

## General Assembly Approval

### Proposed text for a Council paper to recommend that the General Assembly approve the changes to the Constitution noted above is provided in Annex B.

# References

Nil.

# Action requested of COUNCIL

Council is requested to:

# Note the interaction between the IALA constitution and the draft international agreement as described above.

# Approve changes to the IALA Constitution as provided in Annex A for forwarding to the General Assembly.

# Approve the text of the input paper provided in Annex B for forwarding to the General Assembly.