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Subject: comments of Germany on IALA's status change

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Germany would like to comment on the Draft Convention and the General Regulations before the end of the deadline on 30 September 2017 as follows:

Comments:

- Germany is supporting the successful work of the IALA as an NGO. The practical benefits of standardisation as well as the smooth and direct cooperation of experts within the NGO framework are assessed positively.
- However, Germany considers the status change problematical for the following reasons:
 - Coordination efforts in an IGO framework are higher because cooperation processes at international level are more complex
 - Membership contributions could increase (Germany rejects higher contributions)
 - Operating costs of an IGO are higher (e. g. interpreting costs for the working languages) and, as a result, membership contributions are higher





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- Private companies might no longer be able to make important contributions in the future because of status change
 - Benefits and added value of a status change not understandable for the members and for Germany
- IALA needs to provide more convincing arguments for the status change to remove existing concerns
- Participation in a diplomatic conference without signing the final act does not result in a political obligation to ratify

Kind regards,
For the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure

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