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## Comments on draft IALA Convention and draft General Regulations

As requested by the Secretary General after the Preparatory Diplomatic Conference 18-19 April, and IALA Council 64, Sweden hereby submits its comments, with reference to the applicable paragraphs of the draft Convention. For now, Sweden does not have comments on the draft General Regulations.

Convention article 1.3/ *The official languages of the Organization shall be English, French and Spanish. The working languages of the Organization shall be English and French.*

Regarding official languages, Sweden supports Norway in the stance of keeping the budget of the organisation low by having only English as the official language. Considering the difficulties gaining support for this view, Sweden could however accept two languages, English and French.

Convention article 7.4/ *The Contracting Party of the State in which the seat of the Organization is located ("Host Nation") shall be the non-elected Councillor.*

Sweden does not support the clause admitting the host nation to have a permanent seat on the Council. The election process should apply to all national members.