

Pre-DIPCON



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2.1 (E) – Introduction to the texts of the draft Convention and the draft General Regulation

Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

At the close of the first Preparatory Diplomatic Conference in Paris in April 2017 comments by the countries – both the IALA National member and the body in charge of the diplomatic process – were invited on the draft Convention text and the draft General Regulations text, including the draft Financial Regulations before the end of September 2017.

Twenty six countries took this opportunity to make comments. The comments were to be studied prior to the next Preparatory Diplomatic Conference for the production of revised draft texts to be considered.

2. PROCESS

A general meeting of all National members was called at IALA Headquarters on 30 and 31 October 2017 under the auspices of the Legal Advisory Panel (LAP) and chaired by the LAP Chair. Prior to this meeting the Secretariat had collated and summarized all comments for consideration at an inter-sessional LAP meeting consisting of the LAP Chair, LAP Vice-Chair and one regular LAP participant.

Comments received by that time were used to produce new drafts for submission to the meeting, which further refined them, principally the draft Convention text. The Secretariat then had a second look at the draft General Regulations (including draft Financial Regulations) to ensure consistency with the revised draft Convention text.

3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 2.1.1 E Report of the meeting held in October (EXLAP3)
- 2.1.2.1 E Draft Convention text after EXLAP3 with comments made by members
- 2.1.2.2 E Draft General Regulations text after EXLAP3 with comments made by members
- 2.1.3 Individual comments by National members

4. THE CONFERENCE IS INVITED TO

Note the information provided.