



IALA – AISM (International Association of Marine
Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities
Association Internationale de Signalisation Maritime)

IALA General Assembly Resolution A.01

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IALA CHANGE OF STATUS TO THAT OF AN INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

PROUD of IALA's role in guiding and assisting the maritime community from the time of its establishment in 1957 as an international association of marine aids to navigation authorities;

RECALLING Article 2 of the Constitution of IALA which states that the aim of IALA is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonisation of aids to navigation worldwide,

RECOGNISING the rights of those National Members party to the United Nation Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, as amended, in particular under Article 21 regarding the adoption of laws relating to the safety of navigation and the protection of navigational aids and facilities,

FURTHER RECOGNISING the obligations of those National Members party to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), done at London on 1 November 1974, as amended, in particular Regulations 12 and 13 of Chapter 5 regarding the establishment and operation of vessel traffic services and other aids to navigation,

NOTING the requirement of Article 266 of the UNCLOS Convention requiring National Members party to that Convention to co-operate to promote the development of marine technology, through competent international organizations,

MINDFUL of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, done at Vienna on 23 May 1969, in particular Article 5 confirming that that Convention will apply to intergovernmental organizations created by treaty,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, including its focus on 'Delivering as One' through coordinated global responses,

CONSIDERING that IALA works in close partnership with other international bodies that are international intergovernmental organizations,

DESIRING to benefit its National Members and the international maritime community, by enhancing the safety of navigation and protection of the marine environment and contributing to the work on international legislation in the area, strengthening the existing cooperation between IALA and other intergovernmental organizations and allowing for a broader participation in IALA by States,

BELIEVING that international intergovernmental organization status will best facilitate IALA's aims into the future,

1. DETERMINES that IALA should strive to achieve such status as soon as is possible by supporting the development of an international convention open for entry by all members of the United Nations;
2. DECIDES that through all available means IALA will support its National Members and their Governments in the pursuit of international intergovernmental status for IALA;
3. ENCOURAGES the IALA Host and other Governments to conduct the necessary diplomatic activities;
4. FURTHER ENCOURAGES each National Member to support its Government to actively engage in such diplomatic activities;
5. DIRECTS the IALA Council with the assistance of the IALA Secretary-General to further consider the preparation of IALA for a change of status, including the development and adoption of modern, flexible and efficient administrative practices;
6. AUTHORISES the IALA Council to act in fulfilment of this Resolution.