# Terms of Reference for the Legal Advisory Panel

## Background

In accordance with the Convention, Article 6. 1 (c), the Organization shall have Committees and subsidiary bodies necessary to support the Organization’s activities. In the Convention Article 6.3, it is stated that the General Regulations and Financial Regulations shall detail the Rules of Procedure that shall apply for each organ.

The Convention Article 7.7 (f) states, that the General Assembly establish and terminate Committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approve their Terms of Reference.

## Name of subsidiary body

Legal Advisory Panel (LAP)

## Participation

Legal experts and other appropriate representatives from Member States and Associate Members are eligible to participate in the LAP. Other participants may be invited at the discretion of the Chair.

## Aims and Objectives

The aim of the LAP is to provide legal support and advice to the Council, the committees, the Secretariat and other bodies of IALA.

Its objectives may include:

1. Providing legal support to the Council as required.
2. Responding to issues and concerns that may be raised through the Secretariat.
3. Responding to requests from committees and other bodies for legal advice.
4. Providing information on legal issues that result, or may result from, providing guidance on the provision of Marine Aids to Navigation.
5. Preparing draft documentation/guidelines on items of common concern.
6. Identifying where external legal advice may be needed and assisting with the preparation of requests/briefs for such advice and the follow up, as appropriate.
7. Providing a forum to discuss legal matters of common interest.

## Activities

The duration of meetings shall normally be two days during February to April and September to November. Meetings may be organized in the format of either a physical, virtual or hybrid event as required.

## Deliverables

## The LAP shall deliver reports of each of its meetings and advice to the Council and input to IALA organs as required.