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Agenda item 8.4

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Policy regarding Definitions in IALA Documents

1 SUMMARY

The issue of removing definitions from IALA documents and only providing definitions in the Dictionary was discussed at PAP32 and decision was deferred.

1.1 Purpose of the document

Introduce the need for a policy regarding definitions in IALA documents.

2 DISCUSSION

During PAP32 it was decided that current definitions in available Council approved documents will be kept in the document until revision. Taking definitions out will only be for future documents.

The Council policy is that the Dictionary is the only source for definitions. This to avoid the danger to have several definitions in different documents.

It was considered that automatic links could be made to have the latest definition always available for the reader. However there might be a problem with some pdf documents downloaded from the Website, which is the present means by which IALA provides documents to the public.

In some Committees there is a strong opposition to taking out the definitions for several reasons. Readability is the major argument. Connectivity is not always available.

It was agreed that this issue should be further discussed in the future.

3 ACTION REQUESTED OF THE PANEL

The PAP is requested to advise on a policy regarding the provision of definitions in IALA documents.