# Draft Preamble for IALA Standards

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BEARING IN MIND the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)

RECOGNIZING that the aim of IALA is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonisation of aids to navigation world-wide,

RECALLING Article 7 of the IALA Constitution regarding the authority, duties and functions of the General Assembly,

RECALLING ALSO *[insert brief background text related to the Standard]*

HAVING CONSIDERED the advice of the Council provided to General Assembly at its *[xth]* Session

APPROVES the *[No. and Title of the Standard]*, and

INVITES Members and Marine Aids to Navigation Authorities world-wide to undertake to implement the provisions of the Standard.

## IALA STANDARD [No. – Title]

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) is a specialized organization for world-wide improvement and harmonization of Marine Aids to Navigation.

The term "Marine Aid to Navigation" referred to in the Constitution of IALA, should be understood to be device, system or service, external to vessels, designed and operated to enhance safe and efficient navigation of individual vessels and/or vessel traffic. For the purposes of IALA this definition includes Vessel Traffic Services.

IALA publishes Standards, Recommendations, and Guidelines, defined as follows.

| Document | Definition |
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| **IALA Standards** | IALA Standards form a framework, implementation of which by all coastal states will harmonize marine aids to navigation worldwide. IALA standards cover technology and services and are non-mandatory. |
| **IALA Recommendations** | IALA Recommendations specify what practices shall be carried out in order to comply with a Recommendation, and may be referenced, in full or in part, in an IALA Standard. |
| **IALA Guidelines** | IALA Guidelines describe how to implement practices normally specified in a Recommendation. |