



Report of the 15th Session of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel

September 14-16, 2015

Executive Summary

The 15th meeting of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel at IALA Headquarters in Saint-Germain-en-Laye focused on the legal aspects of the change of status project. They reviewed and amended the draft Convention text for the next meeting of the Change of Status Council Advisory Group (CoS), amended the proposed draft for an informative submission to IMO, progressed the work on the IALA Basic Documents for the current IALA as a first step towards an intergovernmental organization and considered the concept for IALA standards.

LAP15 also progressed the ongoing work on the IALA Constitution for approval by the next General Assembly in 2018, and reviewed the IALA Change of Status Risk Register and the WWA Risk Register.

At the request of the Council 60, LAP15 considered the legal aspects of a draft IALA VTS questionnaire submitted by the IALA Committee. The ENAV Committee had requested that they look into a draft guideline on an IALA patent policy and the LAP meeting recommended that IALA should seek specialist advice. LAP also answered a query from the World VTS Guide Board regarding the Guide being potentially binding by IMO Resolution A.857(20). LAP concluded that this was the case for State parties to the SOLAS Convention only, and only for competent authorities, not individual VTSs.

Finally, little progress was achieved on AIS data used as evidence at court cases, AIS data protection and IALA-NET, and LAP were not able to provide guidance to the IALA membership on these subjects it was agreed that the topics would no longer be on the LAP agenda.

The next meeting of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel (LAP16) will take place at IALA Headquarters from 11th to 13th April 2016.