



REPORT OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE IALA  
LEGAL ADVISORY PANEL (LAP)

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**Executive Summary**

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The LAP noted the reports from Council 79 and PAP 51 & 52.

The LAP was updated with the work done in the committees.

The LAP was presented with an update about the change of status next steps and particularly the transition period detailed planning. They were also made aware of preparation already ongoing for the 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the new IGO.

The panel was informed that a review of the Risk Registers for IALA and the World-Wide Academy was underway.

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# **Report of the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the IALA**

## **Legal Advisory Panel (LAP)**

The 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Legal Advisory Panel was held by videoconference on 25 April 2024 with Christina Schneider as Chair and Audrey Guinault as Secretary.

### **1. INTRODUCTION FROM LAP CHAIR AND SECRETARY-GENERAL**

The Chair welcomed the participants for this online meeting which was expected to be short as the agenda was rather slim for this session. She mentioned that Henning Osnes Teigene, vice-chair of the LAP had left his position as he was moving to a different position in his administration. She expressed gratitude to Henning for all the hard work done in past years in the LAP and for the preparations of the change of status of the Association. The call for nominations for a new vice chair was sent to members and the Council would appoint a new vice-chair at its 80<sup>th</sup> session meeting in June.

The Secretary-General also welcomed everyone attending this online meeting. He reminded participants that the project of the change of status of the Association started a long time ago and was finally becoming a reality.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Agenda (paper LAP26-2.1) was adopted.

The Agenda is provided at ANNEX A.

### **3. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM LAP24**

Input paper LAP26-3.1 refers.

All action items were noted as completed except for one which is pending as it was aimed at the transition council.

### **4. REVIEW OF INPUT PAPERS**

A list of input papers is provided at ANNEX C.

### **5. REPORT OF COUNCIL SESSIONS 79**

Input paper LAP26-5.1 refers.

Technical Operations Manager, Minsu Jeon, reported that the Council 79 session was held from 11 to 15 December 2023 at the IALA Headquarters in France. The Council approved the revised Committee work programme for 2023-2027. The Council also approved of the following documents:

- Guideline G1180, Ed1.0 Resilient Position, Navigation, and Timing.
- Revised Model Course C0103-2 Ed3.0 for VTS Supervisor training.
- Guideline G1181, Ed1.0 VDES VHF Data Link (VDL) Integrity monitoring.

The Council approved a workshop proposal on the VTS Competent Authorities: roles and responsibilities.

The Faro di Genova 'Lanterna', Italy was designated as the Heritage Lighthouse of the year 2024. The World Marine Aids to Navigation Day 2024 main event will be organized on 2-3 July in Genoa, Italy.

The report was noted.

## **6. REPORT OF PAP SESSIONS 51 & 52**

Input paper LAP26-6.1 & LAP-26-6.2 refer.

Technical Operations Manager Minsu Jeon introduced the PAP reports.

He indicated that PAP51 was about coordinating the outcomes from the committees.

From PAP 52, he mentioned that IALA's work on MASS consisted of an IALA MASS workshop held in October 2023 at IALA HQ, a Paper sent to Council on the workshop result, a MASS Task Force meeting held in February 2024 at IALA HQ and an Information paper on IALA workshop on establishing scenarios for development of MASS was sent to IMO MSC.

He also provided updates on various matters, including IALA's involvement in the review of the STCW Code, AIS document review, S-200 development, document management and data harmonization.

The reports were noted.

Regarding MASS, Mary Dean from Australia added that IMO recently confirmed that MSC would be the committee working on MASS technical issues and the Legal Committee would work on MASS liability.

## **7. REPORT ON THE COMMITTEES WORK**

Input paper LAP26-7.1 & LAP26-7.1.1 refer.

Technical Operations Manager, Minsu Jeon, reported on two main issues from the committees.

First on the Patent issue with VDES technology. During the DTEC2 committee meeting, an issue was raised concerning patents associated with VDES, a communication technology, primarily from China and Korea. In recent years, to address such concerns, the secretariat introduced, at the opening plenary of the committees, the patent policy created by LAP. This policy was regularly highlighted at the start of committee meetings. After DTEC2, especially during the spring sessions, for ENG 18 and ARM 18, the secretariat made a point of reminding participants about this patent policy. The secretariat encouraged everyone to report any known patent issues.

Then, Minsu reported on the Publication of the SouthPAN GNSS augmentation service declaration. In October 2023, during the ENG17 committee, an action item was assigned to the secretariat regarding the SouthPAN GNSS augmentation service. The action item stated: *"The Secretariat is invited to bring the planned publication of the SouthPAN declaration to the attention of LAP. If approved by LAP the IALA Secretariat is invited to publish the SouthPAN declaration on the IALA Web page."* After internal discussion in the secretariat and with the Chair of the LAP, it was determined that, in accordance with the R1022 provision for GNSS augmentation services, the declaration should indeed be published. Consequently, the secretariat made the SouthPAN declaration available on the IALA website.

The LAP noted the report.

## **8. UPDATE ON THE CHANGE OF STATUS**

The Secretary General, Francis Zachariae, updated the panel on the latest ratifications of the convention. He reminded the panel that a General Assembly would need to be held within 6 months after the 90 days period following the deposit of the 30<sup>th</sup> instrument of ratification.

IALA President Marcos Almeida from Brazil indicated that the ratification process was nearly complete and was hoping that Brazil could be the 30<sup>th</sup> member state to ratify the Convention.

The panel was presented with a detailed timeline of the transition period, as well as what would constitute the Basic Documents of the new Organization and a draft agenda for the first General Assembly of the IGO.

The Secretary-General then indicated that following the conference held in Tokyo, Japan in November 2023, some questions remained on voting procedures and the Secretariat was still in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan to try to solve the issue before the General Assembly is held. Papers for the General Assembly would be circulated well in advance to receive and address potential comments ahead of the meeting and ensure the best possible preparation.

## **9. REVIEW OF THE IALA RISK REGISTER**

The chair mentioned that the Risk Registers of IALA and the WWA were under review to find a better system as it was found that the current system was not the best suited for the Organization in terms of Risk Management.

Mary Dean from Australia raised that the panel may indeed not be the best suited body to work on this issue as it didn't have a full overview of all the activities of the Organization. She supported the proposal to seek a better suited system.

## **10. REVIEW OF THE WWA RISK REGISTER**

Same as above.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Secretary-General reminded the panel that they were encouraged to participate in the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day to be held in Genoa, Italy on 2 and 3 July. Any interested participant can register through the website by filling in the form.

## **12. REVIEW OF OUTPUT AND WORKING PAPERS**

There was no output or working paper.

## **13. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**

There was no action items for this meeting.

## **14. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

LAP27 was scheduled for 30-31 October 2024 at the IALA Headquarters in France.

## **15. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT**

The report was to be approved by correspondence.

**TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE LEGAL ADVISORY PANEL - LAP 26****Legal Advisory Panel**

26th Session

Agenda item 2

**LAP 26-2 (rev1)**

April 25, 2024

IALA Headquarters

The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IALA Legal Advisory Panel will be held on Thursday 25 April 2024 by video conference at 11:00 UTC.

**LAP 25 - PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Welcome and introduction from LAP chair and Secretary General
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Review of action items from LAP 25
4. Review of input papers
5. Report of IALA Council 79
6. Report of PAP 51 & 52
7. Report on the Committees work
8. Update on the Change of Status
9. Review of the IALA Risk Register
10. Review of the World-Wide Academy Risk Register
11. Any other business
12. Review of output and working papers
13. Review of action items
14. Date and place of next meeting
15. Approval of the report

## **ANNEX B      LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

<b>LAP Chair</b>	Christina Schneider Federal Waterways and Shipping Agency Germany
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Minsu Jeon

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Audrey Guinault

## ANNEX C

## LIST OF INPUT PAPERS

Meeting	Agenda Item	Title / Author (if required)	Source	Output papers
LAP26-	2.1	Provisional Agenda	Secretariat	
LAP26-	3.1	Review of action items from LAP25	Secretariat	
LAP26-	4.1	Review of input papers	Secretariat	
LAP26-	5.1.	Report of C79	Secretariat	
LAP26-	5.2	Report of PAP51	Secretariat	
LAP26-	6.1	Report of PAP52	Secretariat	
LAP26-	7.1	Cover note for SouthPAN declaration	Secretariat	
LAP26-	7.1.1	Draft SBAS Declaration	Secretariat	



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