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Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

The one hundred and twenty first session of the IMO Council was held in London from 19th to 23rd November 2018, chaired by Mr Xiaojie Zhang (China), supported by Mr Edmundo Deville del Campo (Peru) as Vice Chair. The IALA delegation to the meeting was the Secretary-General, Francis Zachariae and the Technical Operations Manager, Minsu Jeon. The reform of the Council was the item of most interest to IALA.

2. REFORM OF COUNCIL

Twenty inputs were presented on the agenda item for Strategy, planning and reform agenda. The inputs can be categorised as follows;

- IMO Strategy plan
- Council reform - Role, function, structure, etc.;
- Council reform - Role of NGOs in IMO;
- Council reform – Access to information and transparency
- Joint Inspection Unit report

A Working Group (WG) on Reform was established on the second day and started work on considering the inputs and prepared a report on:

- **Role, function, structure, etc.** – After a lengthy discussion, a work plan on the amendment of IMO convention has been formulated aiming to finish this task by IMO Assembly 32 in 2021. The meeting agreed to expand the number of Council member to 50 or 52 with consideration to geographical representation. The amendment proposal will be prepared as a package.
- **Role of NGOs in IMO** – New NGO applicants need to make a presentation to Council on why they need to join in IMO consultative status. This doesn't affect to existing NGOs.
- **Access to information and transparency** – Live streaming, media access to meetings and public access to electronic publications were discussed. Considering the cost of these enhancements and budget planning, the Secretariat was asked to provide more information on the financial implications on the issues to the next meeting.

3. OTHER MATTERS

The Council approved the reports from its Committees, Funds, WMU amongst others and agreed on re-appointment of the Secretary-General, Mr Kitack Lim.

4. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Note this summary report.