

## **Agreement between the International Hydrographic Organization and International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation**

The International Hydrographic Organization (hereafter "IHO"); and  
The International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (hereafter "IALA");  
Hereafter individually and collectively termed "the Party" and "the Parties";

RECALLING the long standing and close cooperation between the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities and the IHO;

CONSIDERING the mutual interest between the Parties in developing and harmonizing international standards in the maritime domain;

MINDFUL of the rapid changes in the development of technical standards and the need for increased cooperation and coordination between international organizations;

DESIRING to coordinate their efforts within their respective mandates and in relation to the International Maritime Organization;

Have agreed as follows:

### **Article 1 Object and areas of cooperation**

1.1 The object of this Agreement is to facilitate and reinforce the cooperation and coordination between the Parties and in relation to other international organizations, where appropriate, in the area of international standards that relate to the activities and commitments of the Parties.

1.2 Within the scope of their respective mandates, work programmes and budgets, the Parties agree to a general strengthening of their cooperation and coordination, notably in the development of international standards of mutual interest, training and capacity building, and the development and support for joint proposals and initiatives to other international organizations in relation to international conventions and developments and any other area of common interest.

### **Article 2 Reciprocal representation**

2.1 On the basis of reciprocity, IALA is invited to represent itself at sessions of IHO bodies as observer in accordance with the rules and decisions adopted by these bodies, and, as appropriate, any other meetings held under the auspices of IHO.

2.2 On the basis of reciprocity, IHO is invited to represent itself at sessions of IALA bodies as observer in accordance with the rules and decisions adopted by these bodies, and, as appropriate, any other meetings held under the auspices of IALA.

### **Article 3**

## Sharing of information and disclosure

3.1 The Parties agree to exchange, by whatever means, information concerning their activities of mutual interest and cooperate in the use, integration, promotion and the dissemination of publications and information.

3.2 Subject to their existing rules and policies related to the disclosure of classified information and other related obligations, each Party will protect classified information of the other Party.

## Article 4

### Name, emblem, marks and logos

Neither Party may use the emblem, marks, or logos of the other Party without the prior written consent of the other Party, nor use the name of the other Party in a way that implies endorsement or authorship without prior written consent of the other Party.

## Article 5

### Staff members and facilities

5.1 Each Party will be responsible for its activities and for its staff members, including for their acts and omissions. A Party will not be liable for any damage or injury caused by the other Party or that other Party's staff.

5.2 As far as practicable and subject to availability and their respective existing rules the Parties may agree to share their facilities for meetings held under the auspices of a Party.

## Article 6

### Regular annual meetings

The Parties agree to hold regular annual meetings between their respective Secretary-General and as deemed necessary other staff members.

## Article 7

### Privileges and immunities

No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted or considered as a renunciation, limitation, waiver or modification of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by either Party.

## Article 8

### Entry into force, amendment and termination

8.1 This agreement enters into force from the date of its signature by the Secretary-General of IALA, subject to approval by the General Assembly of IALA, and the Secretary-General of IHO, subject to approval by the Assembly of IHO.

8.2 This agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

8.3 Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice to the other Party of its intent to do so six months in advance.

Article 9  
Settlement of differences

Any difference or dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through negotiation between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is done and signed at the 4th IHO Assembly in Monaco on 22 April 2026, in two copies in the English language.

For the International Organization  
for Marine Aids to Navigation

  
Secretary-General  
Francis Zachariae

For the International Hydrographic  
Organization

  
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