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Venezuela advances Maritime Safety as National Assembly approves **IALA Convention** in first discussion



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On October 13th, 2026, Parliament approved in first discussion the Convention relating to the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation.

This means:

- **Greater safety at sea:** Strengthens buoyage, signaling, and the country's maritime and river infrastructure.

- **International standards:** Aligns national regulations with international navigation guidelines.

- **Environmental protection:** Promotes the preservation of marine ecosystems and ecological protection.



As well as...

- **More efficient routes:** Encourages planned maritime routes that reduce detours, optimize fuel consumption, and lower emissions.

- **Sovereign technology:** Opens opportunities for technology transfer in the country's interest.

- **Coastal communities:** Safeguards local fishing activities and the food sovereignty of coastal areas.

The draft law has been referred for review and a subsequent second discussion.

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