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Dear Colleagues,

SELECTION OF EAtHC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IHO COUNCIL

The IHO Secretary-General has announced vide Enclosure 1, that one council seat has been allocated to the EAtHC prior to the 2nd session of the IHO Assembly (A-2) which will hold from 21 – 24 April 2020. Accordingly, EAtHC Member states are invited to nominate candidates for election as the EAtHC representative to the IHO Council.

Spain, the present representative of EAtHC at the Council, has informed the Chair that they would like to continue to serve if selected. Member States are therefore kindly requested to indicate interest in representing the EAtHC at the Council on or before **30 November 2019**.

If more than one state indicates interest, members would be required to vote through a circular letter to be issued by the Chair in accordance with the Rules for selection of EAtHC Member States to the IHO Council at Enclosure 2.


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Secretary
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Enclosures:

1. IHO CL 52/2019 – Notice of the Distribution of Regionally-Based Seats on the IHO.
2. Rules for the designation of the EAtHC representatives to the IHO Council.



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CIRCULAR LETTER 52/2019
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**NOTICE OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF REGIONALLY-BASED SEATS ON THE
IHO COUNCIL**

References:

- A. IHO CL No. 33/2019 dated 30 June - *Call for Member States to declare in which Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) they wish to be counted for the purpose of determining the number of seats allocated to each RHC in the IHO Council*
- B. General Regulations of the IHO - Article 16 – *Selection of Members of the Council*
- C. 1st Session of the Assembly – Decision 26 – *Endorsement of the Selection Process for the Council*
- D. Finance Regulations of the IHO - Article 6 (a)
- E. IHO ACL No. 08/2019 dated 20 July 2019 - *Preparation of the Table of Tonnages*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A invited those Member States that are members of more than one Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) to declare their preference for which RHC they wished to be counted for the purpose of enabling the Secretary-General to allocate the number of seats on the Council assigned to each RHC and to determine the States that are eligible to occupy those seats in each RHC, in accordance with the processes and guidance described in References B and C.

2. The IHO Secretariat thanks the following Member States that are members of more than one RHC for responding to Reference A: Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States of America.

3. Where a Member State, who is a member of more than one RHC has expressed a preference, this has been taken into account. However, those Member States¹ who have not expressed a preference, the Secretary-General has followed the process in accordance with Reference A, paragraph 5 and Reference C, and has assigned them to the first RHC in which they became a Member State.

Distribution of and eligibility to occupy the regionally-based seats on the IHO Council

4. The table provided in Annex A shows the resultant distribution of the 20 seats on the Council allocated to the RHCs and those States that are eligible to be selected to occupy those seats.

¹ Indonesia, Pakistan and Thailand.



5. Some RHCs have already selected the States that will occupy the seat(s) allocated to them. Where this is known by the Secretariat, it is shown in the table.

6. In accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(vi) of Reference B, the table in Annex A may be amended up to 3 months before the beginning of the 2nd Session of the Assembly if new States become members of the IHO before that date, that is before 21 January 2020. However, it is unlikely that new accessions, if any, will require revising the number of seats allocated to each RHC.

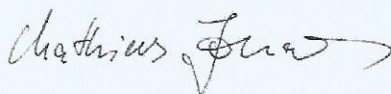
Eligibility to occupy the remaining 10 Seats on the IHO Council that are based on hydrographic interest (tonnage)

7. In accordance with Reference D, the Secretariat will use the table of tonnages provided at Annex A to Reference E, subject to the addition of any new Member States, to determine the remaining 10 seats to be occupied on the Council. The Secretary-General will approach each State on the list which has not already been selected to occupy a seat by the RHCs, in turn and in order of highest tonnage, inviting the State to declare if it wishes to take up one of the 10 seats available based on hydrographic interest (tonnage). This process will continue until all 10 seats have been filled.

8. Noting that sub-paragraph (b)(vii) of Reference B sets the closing date for RHCs to declare the identity of the States that they have selected to occupy the first 20 seats on the Council that are allocated on a regional basis as *before the last day of the Assembly*, the allocation of the remaining 10 seats is dependent upon when the Secretary-General has a complete list of the States that will occupy the regionally based seats. For this reason, Chairs of RHCs are requested to provide the identity of the State(s) that will occupy the seat(s) allocated to their RHCs as soon as it is known. This will enable the allocation of the last 10 seats on the Council to be made earlier than on the penultimate day of the session of the Assembly, subject to the accession up to that date of any new Member State qualifying for one of the 10 seats according to its tonnage.

9. In accordance with Reference E, the table of tonnages that will be used to define the 10 remaining seats is annexed for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Mathias JONAS
Secretary-General

Annex

- A. Table showing the number of seats on the IHO Council distributed on a regional basis and the Member States eligible to occupy those seats.
- B. Table of tonnages in force since 01 January 2018 until 31 December 2020

. Table showing the number of seats on the IHO Council distributed on a regional basis and the Member States eligible to occupy those seats

Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC)	Member States (MS) eligible to occupy one of the 20 Council seat(s) allocated to the RHC (MS that are Members of more than one RHC shown in bold) (MS whose rights are suspended shown in <i>strikethrough</i>)	Number of MS to be counted in the calculation of the number of seats on a proportional basis	Number of Council seats allocated to the RHC	MS selected by the RHC to occupy the Council seat(s) allocated to the RHC
MBSHC	Algeria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, France , Georgia, Greece, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia , Slovenia, Spain , Syria , Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine.	17	3	
EAHC	Brunei Darussalam, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia , Japan, Korea (Rep of), Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand	10	2 ^r	
MACHC	Brazil , Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands , Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela.	9	2	
RSAHC	Bahrain, Iran (Islamic Rep. of), Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan , Qatar, Saudi Arabia , United Arab Emirates	8	2	
SWPHC	Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, USA , Vanuatu	7	1	
NIOHC	Bangladesh, Egypt , India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka	5	1	
SAIHC	Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, United Kingdom	5	1	
EAHC	Cameroon, Morocco , Nigeria, Portugal	4	1	
NSHC	Belgium, Germany , Iceland , Ireland	4	1	
BSHC	Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Sweden	4	1	
SEPRHC	Chile, Colombia , Ecuador, Peru	4	1	
ARHC	Denmark , Norway , Russian Federation ,	3	1	Russian Federation
SWAHC	Argentina, Uruguay	2	1	Argentina
NHC	Finland	1	1	Finland
USCHC	Canada	1	1	Canada
Total		84	20	

RULES FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE EAtHC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IHO COUNCIL

Designation of the EAtHC representatives to the IHO Council shall be determined in compliance with IHO General Regulations Articles 2 and 16.

Role and Authority of Representatives to the EAtHC in the Council

1. IHO Member States representing the EAtHC, shall occupy their seat on the Council for all sessions of the Council throughout the inter-sessional period between Assemblies.
2. All expenses connected with the participation of representatives to the Council shall be defrayed by their respective State, in accordance with IHO General Regulation Article 3.
3. In carrying out their role as a representative of the EAtHC to the Council, representatives shall take note of any relevant collective decisions, policies or directives established by the EAtHC and ensure that these are considered appropriately by the Council.

Selection Procedure

4. Three months before an ordinary session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General shall inform the Chair of the EAtHC of:
 - a. The number of seats allocated to the EAtHC, and
 - b. Those Member States that are eligible for selection by the EAtHC.
5. If the number of Member States eligible for selection to represent the EAtHC on the Council is equal to the number of seats on the Council assigned to the EAtHC by the Secretary-General under the terms of clause 4 above, then the aforementioned candidates will be automatically designated as representatives of the EAtHC.
6. If the number of Member States eligible for selection to represent the EAtHC in the Council is greater than the number of seats assigned to the EAtHC by the IHO Secretary-General under the terms of clause 4 above, then:
 - a. The Chair of the EAtHC will invite the Member States that have been designated as eligible for selection to represent the EAtHC in the Council to indicate if they wish to be considered as candidates for selection.
 - b. If the number of candidates is not greater than the number of seats assigned to the EAtHC, the representatives will be designated by the Chair of the EAtHC from the candidates, if any; and then, as appropriate, giving preference firstly to the remaining Member States that are eligible and have never been representatives on the Council before and secondly to those that have not been representatives on the Council for the longest time.
 - c. If the number of candidates is greater than the number of seats assigned to the EAtHC a vote will take place at a Conference of the EAtHC, or by correspondence if no EAtHC Conference is scheduled in the three months prior to an Assembly. Each Member State may submit one voting paper listing as many Member States from the list of candidates as seats have been assigned to the EAtHC. The result of a vote will only be valid if at least two thirds of all EAtHC Member States are present or have voted by correspondence in due time.

- d. The Member State(s) with the greatest number of votes will be designated as the EAtHC representatives in the Council. In the case of a draw, the Chair of the EAtHC will cast a deciding vote.
- e. If the result of the vote is invalid, the representatives will be designated by the Chair of the EAtHC giving preference firstly to the candidates that have never been representatives on the Council before and secondly to those that have not been representatives on the Council for the longest time.

Designation of the representatives

7. The Member States selected to represent the EAtHC in the Council are normally represented by the head of the hydrographic office. Each Member State shall inform the Chair of the EAtHC and the Secretary-General of the IHO of the name of its official representative. An alternate may also be designated.
8. Member States representing the EAtHC shall inform the Chair of the EAtHC and the Secretary General of any changes in representation, whether permanent or temporary, as soon as practicable.