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**and SAIHC Chair**



**SAIHC Letter No. 7/2018**

28th November 2018

**To:** IRCC Chair

**Subject:** SAIHC Response to IRCC regarding IHO Resolution 2/1997

Dear Parry,

My letter to SAIHC Member States regarding IHO Resolution 2/1997 followed my raising of the issue along with Director Kampfer at the recent SAIHC Conference in the Seychelles. In response to questions and discussion in plenary the overall view was that the membership and associate members were content with the status quo and saw no need for the more detailed amendments to 2/1997. I stated that I would report this to IRCC but would also write out to members asking for further input/comment once they had taken the opportunity to examine the documentation in more detail. This letter has resulted in one response from South Africa stating, "South Africa supports the draft IHO resolution 2/1997 to RHC members, especially with the inclusion of MSDI in the reporting format".

The UK response, as a Member State of SAIHC, is consistent with the response I provided in my response as NIOHC Chair (NIOHC Letter No. 8/2018)

Overall the lack of response to my letter on this topic from SAIHC Member States implies that their view on being content with the status quo has not changed and the majority wish to keep Resolution 2/1997 as recently proposed by CL 55/2018.

Yours sincerely