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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE  
HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (HSSC)**

Reference: IHO CL 69/2017 dated 11 December - *Outcome of the ninth Meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As announced in the Reference, Mr Michael Prince (Australia) was elected Vice-Chair of the HSSC in November 2017 for the period of 2017 to 2020. Unfortunately, Mr Michael Prince recently informed the HSSC Secretariat that he will be unable to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the HSSC (HSSC-11) in Cape Town, South Africa in May 2019. As a consequence, and after two consecutive absences, Mr Michael Prince has announced his decision to step down from his position for personal reasons.
2. An election for the position of Vice-Chair of the HSSC will therefore be held during HSSC-11, to take effect at the beginning of the meeting. It should also be noted that in accordance with the HSSC Rules of Procedures (Art. 2.3), an election for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at HSSC-12 in 2020, soon after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly.
3. In order to facilitate the process of this forthcoming election, **Member States are invited to nominate suitable candidates for the position of Vice-Chair at their earliest convenience** via e-mail to the HSSC Secretariat at [yses.guillam@iho.int](mailto:yses.guillam@iho.int). Nominations will be accepted **until 30 April 2019**.
4. The IHO Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank Mr Michael Prince, as well as the Australian Hydrographic Office, for their outstanding contribution and support of IHO activities in general and HSSC in particular. Mr Michael Prince served as Vice-Chair of the HSSC since 2012 and his expertise, influence, pragmatic involvement at the technical levels and strategic vision have been much appreciated by the hydrographic community.

On behalf of the Secretary-General,  
Yours sincerely,



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