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**IRCC CIRCULAR LETTER 01/2015
29 May 2015**

To : IRCC Members and Observers

Subject : Election for Vice-Chair of the IRCC

Reference : IRCC Rules of Procedure

Dear Colleagues,

1. Rear Admiral Tom KARSTEN (UK), the Chair of the IHO Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) has informed the IHB that he will be retiring as of August 2015 when he will handover UK National Hydrographer duties to Rear Admiral Tim Lowe.
2. In accordance with clause 3 of the IRCC Rules of Procedure of the IRCC, Dr Parry S.L. OEI (Singapore), Vice-Chair of the IRCC, will assume the position of Chair upon the retirement of the current Chair. It is considered that the then vacant position of Vice Chair should be filled as soon as practicable. In this respect, and noting that the vacancy will occur only shortly after IRCC7, an election for the soon to be vacant position of Vice Chair will take place at the IRCC7 meeting which will be held in Mexico City, Mexico in June 2014.
3. The election of the next Vice-Chair shall be determined by vote of the Members of IRCC present at the 7th IRCC meeting. Voting will be held before the closure of meeting (after the Agenda Item on Any Other Business) on Wednesday, 3 June 2015. IRCC Members are kindly requested to consider nominating (an) appropriate candidate (s) for the role of the Vice-Chair of the IRCC before the election. Candidates may be a representative of any Member State of the IHO.
4. On behalf of the IHB Directing Committee and members of the IRCC, we wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Rear Admiral Tom KARSTEN for his active and constructive involvement in the activities of the IRCC. We also wish his every success and happiness in the next stage of his professional employment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mustafa IPTES
IHB Director and Secretary of IRCC