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THIS ASSEMBLY CIRCULAR LETTER REQUIRES YOU TO VOTE

1st SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY

Monaco, 24-28 April 2017

INVITED OBSERVERS

Submission of Final Lists for Approval

References:

- A. CCL No. 3 dated 25 April 2016 - *Invited Observers*.
- B. General Regulations of the IHO (new) - *Article 4*
- C. ACL No. 8 dated 23 August 2016 - *Revision of the timeline for the preparation of the session*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Directing Committee thanks the following Member States that replied to CCL 3 (Reference A) concerning the preparation of the lists of Observers to be invited to the 1st Session of the IHO Assembly (A-1): Bangladesh (BD), Chile (CL), Colombia (CO), Ecuador (EC), Iran (Islamic Republic of - IR), Japan (JP), Netherlands (NL), United Kingdom (UK).
2. Based on the responses received, the Directing Committee has drawn up the proposed lists of Observer States and Organizations to be invited to A-1. Those lists are now submitted for approval or comment, as required by Article 4 of the new General Regulations (Reference B) that will be in force at the time of the Assembly, and in accordance with the revised timeline for the preparation of the session (Reference C).
3. In relation to invitations for States that are not Parties to the IHO Convention, paragraph (a) of Reference B specifies “*one or two observers each, if proposed by a Member State, the Council or the Secretary-General and subject to approval by two thirds of the Member States*”. In the absence of any comment on the proposed list circulated with Reference A, the Directing Committee proposes that the Secretary-General invite all States listed in Table 1 of Annex A, subject to the required approval of Member States. Member States should note that a two-thirds majority of IHO Member States is required.
4. In accordance with paragraph (b) of Reference B, the Secretary-General will invite Member States with rights suspended that are listed in Table 2 of Annex A.
5. In accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of Reference B, but subject to any further comment from Member States, the Secretary General will invite those intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental international organizations listed in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex B.

6. With regard to the list of other organizations that could be invited, as indicated in paragraph 5 of Reference A, the Secretary-General will invite those organizations that have been specifically proposed by Member States. Those organizations are listed in Annex C. If there are no further proposals or comments from Member States regarding the list in Annex C, only those organizations listed in Annex C will be invited.

7. Member States are now requested to consider approving the list in Table 1 of Annex A and to provide any further comments they may have on the lists in Annexes B and C, using the Response Form, provided in Annex D.

8. Member States are reminded that a two thirds majority approval is required to invite those States not Parties to the IHO Convention presented in Annex A. Responses are requested **no later than 21 October 2016**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,



Robert WARD
President

- Annex A: Lists of States not Parties to the IHO Convention and suspended IHO Member States
- Annex B: Lists of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental international organizations.
- Annex C: List of other organizations to be invited to the first session of the IHO Assembly.
- Annex D: Response Form.

**LISTS OF STATES NOT PARTIES TO THE IHO CONVENTION AND
SUSPENDED IHO MEMBER STATES**

1. List of States that are not Parties to the Convention on the IHO

Notes:

The list is based on the list of UN members. Non-UN members, that are members of a UN Agency such as IAEA, IMO and UNESCO, are also listed.

States marked (#) have been approved to join the IHO, but have yet to deposit their Instruments of Accession.

States marked (§) have applied to join the IHO, but have yet to receive the necessary majority of approvals.

States marked (a) are Associate Members of at least one Regional Hydrographic Commission but are not Member States of the IHO.

States marked () are not Member States of the IMO.*

States shown in italics are land-locked: in other words, a country entirely enclosed by land, or whose only coastlines lie on closed seas.

(*) <i>Afghanistan</i>	Ghana	(*) <i>Niger</i>
Albania	Grenada	(*)(a) Niue
(*) <i>Andorra</i>	(a) Guinea	(a) Palau
(a) Angola	(a) Guinea Bissau	(*)(a) Palestine
(a) Antigua and Barbuda	(a) Guyana	(a) Panama
(*) <i>Armenia</i>	(#)(a) Haiti	(a) <i>Paraguay</i>
<i>Austria</i>	(*) <i>Holy See</i>	(*) <i>Republic of Moldova</i>
<i>Azerbaijan</i>	(a) Honduras	(*) <i>Rwanda</i>
Bahamas	<i>Hungary</i>	(a) Saint Kitts & Nevis
(a) Barbados	(a) Iraq	(a) Saint Lucia
(*) <i>Belarus</i>	(a) Israel	(a) Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
(a) Belize	Jordan	(a) Samoa
(a) Benin	<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>San Marino</i>
(*) <i>Bhutan</i>	(a) Kenya	Sao Tomé & Príncipe
<i>Bolivia</i>	(a) Kiribati	(a) Senegal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(*) <i>Kyrgyzstan</i>	(a) Seychelles
(*) <i>Botswana</i>	(*) <i>Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>	(#) Sierra Leone
(#)(a) Bulgaria	Lebanon	<i>Slovakia</i>
(*) <i>Burkina Faso</i>	(*) <i>Lesotho</i>	(§)(a) Solomon Islands
(*) <i>Burundi</i>	Liberia	Somalia
(a) Cabo Verde	Libya	(*) <i>South Sudan</i>

Cambodia	(*)	<i>Liechtenstein</i>	Sudan
(*) <i>Central African Republic</i>	(a)	Lithuania	(*) <i>Swaziland</i>
(*) <i>Chad</i>		<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>Switzerland</i>
(a) Comoros	(a)	Madagascar	(*) <i>Tajikistan</i>
(§)(a) Congo	(*)(a)	<i>Malawi</i>	<i>The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</i>
(a) Cook Islands		Maldives	Timor-Leste
(a) Costa Rica		<i>Mali</i>	(a) Togo
(a) Côte d'Ivoire	(§)(a)	Malta	<i>Turkmenistan</i>
<i>Czech Republic</i>		Marshall Islands	Tuvalu
Djibouti	(#)(a)	Mauritania	<i>Uganda</i>
Dominica	(*)	Micronesia (Federated States of)	(a) United Republic of Tanzania
(a) El Salvador		<i>Mongolia</i>	(*) <i>Uzbekistan</i>
Equatorial Guinea	(a)	Namibia	(§)(a) Vanuatu
Eritrea	(*)	Nauru	Yemen
<i>Ethiopia</i>		<i>Nepal</i>	<i>Zambia</i>
Gabon	(a)	Nicaragua	<i>Zimbabwe</i>
Gambia			

2. List of IHO Member States that are suspended

Democratic Republic of the Congo
Dominican Republic
<i>Serbia</i>

**LIST OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

1. List of intergovernmental organizations with which an agreement or special arrangement has been made with IHO

Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)	Organization
				Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
		Yes		European Commission (EC) (Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE))
Yes	Yes	Yes		Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	International Maritime Organization (IMO)
				International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)
MOU signed in 2016				International Seabed Authority (ISA)
MOU signed in 2015				Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
MOU signed in 2016				Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA)
			Yes	Pacific Community (SPC)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)
				Port Management Association of Western and Central Africa (PMAWCA)
Yes				United Nations Organization (UN) - DOALOS - UNGGIM
Established in July 2011				
	Yes	Yes		World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

2. List of Non-Governmental International Organizations with which the Organization has established appropriate relationships (in accordance with IHO Resolution 5/1957)

Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)	Organization
				accredited 2012
		Yes	Yes	Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)
		Yes	Yes	Chart & Nautical Instrument Trade Association (CNITA)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Comité International Radio Maritime (CIRM)
				Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)
				Defence Geospatial Information Working Group (DGIWG)
	Yes			Inland ENC Harmonization Group (IEHG)
				accredited 2014
			Yes	Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)
			Yes	International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO)
			Yes	International Association of Geodesy (IAG)
				accredited 2016
	Yes			International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	International Association of Institutes of Navigation (IAIN)
				International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
				International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH)
				accredited 2016
	Yes	Yes		International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC)
		Yes	Yes	International Cartographic Association (ICA)
				International Centre for ENCs (IC - ENC)
				International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
				International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
		Yes		International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS)
Yes		Yes	Yes	International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
				International Geographical Union (IGU)
				accredited 2014
	Yes			International Harbour Masters' Association (IHMA)
				International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA)
				International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
				International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	PRIMAR
				accredited 2013
			Yes	Professional Yachting Association (PYA)
				Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM)
	Yes		Yes	RTCA
				Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)
				accredited 2015
				The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA)
				accreditation under consideration ¹
				World Ocean Council (WOC)

¹ See IHO CL 33/2016 dated 20 July.

LIST OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PROPOSED TO BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1st SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY

Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)*	Organization*	Endorsed by
* National organizations are listed in <i>italics</i> .					
				Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)	UK
				Central American Commission of Maritime Transportation (COCATRAM)	CL, CO, UK
				Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (South Pacific Permanent Commission) (CPPS)	CL, CO, UK
				Engineering Committee on Ocean Resources (ECOR)	UK
			Yes	<i>Hydrographic Society of Korea</i>	BD, CO, UK
				International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Ocean (IAPSO)	CL, UK
				International Council for Exploration of the Seas (ICES)	UK
				International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR)	CO, UK
				International Telecommunications Union (ITU)	CO, UK
			Yes	International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG)	BD, UK
				International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)	UK
				<i>Institut français de navigation (French Institute of Navigation)</i>	UK
Yes		Yes	Yes	<i>Japan Hydrographic Association (JHA)</i>	BD, CO, JP, UK
			Yes	<i>Korea Oceanographic and Hydrographic Association</i>	BD, CO, UK
			Yes	<i>Nippon Foundation</i>	BD, CO, JP, UK
				Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)	UK
				Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	UK
				Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level (PSMSL)	CL
				World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC)	CO, UK
Yes	Yes	Yes		Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)	BD, UK
				Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR)	CL

Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)*	Organization*	Endorsed by
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				UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	UK
				UN Development Programme (UNDP)	CL, CO, UK
				UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	UK
				UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	UK
				UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	UK
				UN Environment Programme (UNEP)	CL, UK
				UN Global Environment Facility (GEF)	CL, UK
Yes		Yes		<i>Universities:</i> <i>University of Hong Kong</i> <i>University of New Hampshire</i> <i>University of Plymouth</i> <i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>	BD, UK BD, EC, UK BD, UK BD, UK
				World Bank	CL, UK

RESPONSE FORM

(to be returned to the IHB by **21 October 2016**)
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Approval of the Lists of Observers to be invited to A-1

Member State:	
Point of Contact:	
Contact e-mail:	

1. Do you agree that the States listed in Table 1 of Annex A to ACL 9 be invited as Observers to A-1?

Please tick ✓ the appropriate box:

YES

NO

If you answer 'No', please explain your reasons in the comment section below:

Comments:

2. Do you have any comments or proposals to make regarding invitations to Observer Organizations listed in Annexes B and C to ACL 9?

Please tick ✓ the appropriate box:

YES

NO

If you answer 'Yes', please provide your comments or proposals in the comment section below:

Comments:

Name/Signature:	Date:
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