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**CONFERENCE CIRCULAR LETTER No. 5**  
**14 June 2016**

**XIX<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE /**  
**1<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY**

**Monaco, 24-28 April 2017**

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**CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR**  
**SECRETARY-GENERAL AND DIRECTORS OF THE IHO**

References:

- A. Conference Circular Letter No.1 dated 21 April 2016 - *Announcement and General Arrangements*
- B. IHO Circular Letter 28/2016 dated 7 June – *Progress on the Approval of the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO*
- C. Decision No. 16 of the XVIII<sup>th</sup> International Hydrographic Conference

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As indicated at Reference A, the XIX<sup>th</sup> International Hydrographic Conference may take place as the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Assembly of the IHO, subject to receiving the required majority of approvals of the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO before 23 January 2017. The progress reported at Reference B indicates that the Protocol will enter into force before the end of 2016 and the Directing Committee is now planning the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Assembly in accordance with the new General Regulations of the IHO (not yet in force) which are available on the IHO website at:

Home > Letters & Documents > Basic Documents > IHO Basic Documents not yet in force (pending ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention of the IHO)

2. In the case of an Assembly, Articles 17 to 26 of the new General Regulations of the IHO will apply and the Assembly will be requested to elect successively a Secretary-General and two Directors. According to Article 19, “*Each Member State may nominate only one candidate, who may be nominated for either or both of the posts of Secretary-General or Director, and who shall be of the nationality of the nominating Member State*”.

3. According to Article 24 of the new General Regulations, “*Individuals elected to the posts of Secretary-General and Directors by the Assembly shall serve a first term of office of six years*”. Noting the provisions of Article 26 of the new General Regulations - in particular paragraph b: “*In no circumstances shall any individual occupy the post of Secretary-General or Director or a combination of both for an aggregate term of more than nine years*” - the Directing Committee understands that in the specific case of the first session of the Assembly, individuals having served one previous term of five years initiated under the Conference regime may seek re-election only for a second term limited to three years.

4. In accordance with Article 20 of the new General Regulations, which was amended at the XVIII<sup>th</sup> International Hydrographic Conference (see Reference C), Member States wishing to nominate a candidate from their country are invited to forward their application to the IHO Secretariat by using the nomination form provided in Annex.

5. In accordance with Article 17 of the new General Regulations, the list of candidates shall be closed ten days prior to the opening day of the session of the Assembly. **However, it is strongly recommended that nominations be submitted as soon as possible and preferably by 1 February 2017.** This will allow the Secretary-General to issue a list of candidates, as complete as possible, together with all supporting documents for the session. According to the Rules of Procedure of the IHO Assembly, all supporting documents shall normally be submitted to the Member States at least two months prior to the opening day of the session, that is not later than 23 February 2017.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Ward', with a period at the end.

Robert WARD  
President

Annex: Nomination Form

Candidature for a post of<sup>1</sup>  
**SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**DIRECTOR**

(Article 20 of the General Regulations)



Candidature à un poste de<sup>1</sup>  
 **SECRETAIRE GENERAL**

**DIRECTEUR**

(Article 20 du Règlement général)

**GENERAL - GENERALITES**

1. Nominating Member State - *Etat membre qui présente le candidat* :

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2. Name - *Nom* : .....

3. Nationality - *Nationalité* : .....

4. Date of birth - *Date de naissance* : .....

5. Titles and decorations - *Titres et décorations* : .....

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**EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES - ETUDES ET LANGUES**

6. Education (periods, including specialized or special qualifications) - *Etudes (durée, y compris les qualifications spécialisées ou particulières)* :

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7. Languages (speaking and reading capacity) - *Langues (niveau oral et écrit)* :

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<sup>1</sup> Tick one box or both

Cocher une case ou les deux









