

## Review of the IHO Strategic Plan

<b>Submitted by:</b>	Secretary-General
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	This paper provides a summary of the review process for the IHO Strategic Plan and invites the Council to develop a plan for the comprehensive review of the Strategic Plan, as previously directed by the first session of the Assembly.

### Background

1. Decision 1 of the first session of the Assembly approved revisions to IHO Resolution 12/2002 - *Planning Cycle* that clarified the planning cycle for the revision of the Strategic Plan and the role of the Council in that process.

2. In response to a Proposal from the United Kingdom, Decision 3 of the first session of the Assembly:

*... tasked the Council to conduct a comprehensive review of the Strategic Plan and to provide a draft revised Plan, as appropriate, in time for the consideration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ordinary session of the Assembly (A-2). The Council is empowered to establish a working group for this discrete purpose.*

### Discussion

3. IHO Resolution 12/2002 - *Planning Cycle* as amended, indicates that the Strategic Plan is a six-year rolling plan that is to be reviewed at each session of the Assembly, based on input presented to it by the Council.

4. IHO Resolution 12/2002 sets out the timetable that the Council should follow:

#### ***Planning Cycle for the Strategic Plan***

“A” means the date of the ordinary session of the Assembly; the numbers are months before (-) or after (+) that date.

*A+6 (Oct): The Council considers the instruction given by the Assembly and agrees on the implementation plan.*

*A+30 (Oct): The Council submits its report and proposals for the consideration of the Assembly.*

*A+36/A (Apr): The Assembly discusses and decides in Plenary upon the report and proposals, endorses the Strategic Plan for the next 6 years and instructs the Council for the next cycle.*

*A+03 (July) The Secretary-General circulates the updated Strategic Plan as part of the Proceedings of the Assembly.*

5. The Assembly has tasked the Council specifically to conduct a comprehensive review of the Strategic Plan in the current intersessional period.

### Proposal

6. In accordance with IHO Resolution 12/2002 as amended and with the instruction given by the Assembly, the Council should develop an implementation plan to guide its work in reviewing the Strategic Plan. The Council may wish to include in such a plan:

- the early identification of the deficiencies (if any) in the existing Plan;
- the consideration of appropriate provisions that could address any identified deficiencies;
- the timetable for developing and drafting any proposed revisions to the existing Plan; and
- what, if any, input may be required from Member States, Subsidiary Organs or Observer Organizations and when and how that input might be obtained and processed.

#### **Action Required of the Council**

7. The Council is invited to:
  - a. **Develop and Agree** an implementation plan for the comprehensive review of the Strategic Plan and the subsequent preparation of a report and any required proposals to be presented to the second session of the Assembly in 2020; and
  - b. **Take any other actions** that may be appropriate.