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From: Chair, IHO Strategic Plan Review Working Group (c/SPRWG)

To: Members of the IHO Strategic Plan Review Working Group (SPRWG)

Cc: IHO Council's Chair

Subject: Draft revised strategic plan – outcome of the meeting of the IHO Council C-3, 15-17 October 2019.

References: a) SPRWG CL 05-2019, dated 20 July 2019

b) List of documents of the 3rd meeting of the IHO Council
(http://iho.int/mtg_docs/council/C3/C3Docs.html)

Enclosure: Draft IHO strategic plan endorsed by the Council (version 2.2, 17th of October 2019)

Dear members of the Strategic Plan Review Working Group,

Endorsement of the draft revised strategic plan of the IHO by the Council

1. As scheduled, the draft revised strategic plan has been considered by the Council at its 3rd meeting (15th - 17th of October).
2. The Council reviewed it thoroughly, decided on some amendments, and defined the way forward for its submission to the Assembly. The draft prepared by the SPRWG provided a very solid basis, and the final project is close to it. Attached is the version approved by the Council, and available on the IHO web site.

Improvements made by the Council

3. The main improvements made by the Council are as follows:
4. The table of targets and strategic performance indicators (SPIs) of the section III has been split into:
 - One table of the targets, in section III. The reference to the different items in the object of the IHO has been retained.
 - One table of targets and SPIs placed in an annexe, to facilitate its maintenance.

5. The review on the S-100 roadmap led to the conclusion, among others, that maintaining the ability of the hydrographic offices to deliver electronic products was key, resulting in the addition of a new target under the strategic goal 1. This target relates to the use of capacity building to support the Member States in the transition to production of S-100 products, and is stated as follows:

1.3 Use capacity building and training to develop and increase the ability of Member States to support safety and efficiency of maritime navigation.

With an associated SPIs:

1.3.1 Ability and capability of Member States to meet the requirements and delivery phases of the S100 implementation plan (2026: 50%).

At the same time, the target under strategic goal 3 on cooperation with other international organisations in capacity building was slightly modified, to read:

3.1 Collaborate with other bodies who deliver capacity building and training, to improve effectiveness of capacity building activities and programmes.

The wording of the associated SPI has been improved.

6. After discussion of the on-going work on the Future of Nautical paper charts within the HSSC, the conclusions of which have not yet been established, it was decided to remove the SPI 1.1.2, while leaving the possibility of including later such a performance indicator related to the IHO Work programme.
7. Associated with the strategic target 3.2 “*Improving the knowledge of the seafloor*”, an additional SPI has been adopted related to the project Seabed 2030, taking into account the GEBCO’s role in its governance:

3.2.3 Percentage of total sea area per regional hydrographic commission that is Seabed 2030 compliant for ingestion into the GEBCO dataset and services

8. The wording of SPI 2.2.2 has been improved to better fit to the definition of an indicator:

2.2.2 Number of new applications of the new version of Standards for Hydrographic Surveys (S-44)

9. Further improvements have been made to the wordings. They are outlined in the attached “redline” version.

Recommendations of the SPRWG – decisions of the Council

10. The Council decided to propose to the Assembly that the 3-year Work Programme (2021-2023) be updated in accordance with the strategic plan when approved, for approval at the next Council meeting (C-4).
11. The Council will propose the Assembly to continue the SPRWG until C-4, in order to finalise the metrics and methods of calculation of the SPIs. In that perspective, amendments of the terms of reference of the SPRWG have been endorsed, and will be submitted to the Assembly, according to article 6 of the General Regulations of the IHO (see reference b – list of C-3 documents). **Please note that the Council report to the Assembly should include a call to membership of the SPRWG after the Assembly.**
12. Until the 2nd session of the Assembly (A-2), the SPRWG is still in operation with its current terms of reference, and I propose that we continue to refine the methods for calculating SPIs, within the framework of the draft revised strategic plan approved by the Council. In this perspective, a "comments" column has been included in the annexe on SPIs, with some indications to start work. **I propose that we consider this now, in order to facilitate the work of the SPRWG after A-2, if the Assembly decides to continue the working group.**

With my best regards,

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Chair of the SPRWG

