**ANNEX 1**

RULES FOR SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES (MS)

FROM

 THE ARCTIC REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (ARHC)

TO

THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO) COUNCIL

***Serving on the IHO Council is an important responsibility, as it is a primary means of communication and involvement by the ARHC in IHO matters. Thus, it is important that the Commission be served by knowledgeable, willing and capable representatives to the IHO Council. Therefore it is emphasized that any MS seeking Council representation should be aware of the 3-year time commitment. They must also be aware that there are resource and financial implications that the selected MS(s) must be prepared to assume***.

[Note: The General Regulations cited within this document will come into force with the Amended Convention.]

**Selection of the ARHC representative(s) to the Council**

Selection from ARHC to the IHO Council shall be determined in compliance with IHO General

Regulations Article 2 and Article 16.

1. ARHC council selection will be on a rotation basis.
2. The rotation will be in alphabetic order: Canada, Denmark, Norway, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America.
3. If a Member State wishes not to take its rotation as Council representative, the next Member State in the rotation will be given the option of becoming the ARHC representative on the IHO Council.
4. For the following 3 year cycle, the next country in alphabetical order following the current council representative is offered the council representation subject to 3 above.

**Duties and Responsibilities of the ARHC representative(s) to the Council**

1. Attend all annual meetings of the Council in Monaco or designated location.

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1. Be aware of issues that are before the Council and communicate those issues to ARHC Member States in advance.
2. Solicit input from other IHO member states of the ARHC as to any opinions or proposals being considered at the Council meetings.
3. All expenses connected with the participation to the Council shall be borne by their respective States, in accordance with IHO General Regulations Article 3.