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Subject: Letter of introduction of the new Chairman of the MBSHC.
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3rd IHO Council; Monaco, 15 to 17 October 2019.
2nd Assembly of IHO, Monaco, 21 to 24 April 2020
Selection of the Member States from MBSHC to the IHO
Council 2020.

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ASSEMBLY CIRCULAR LETTER N° 2, 03 May 2019
ASSEMBLY CIRCULAR LETTER N° 3, 06 May 2019
CIRCULAR LETTER 33/2019, 30 June 2019
RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES FROM MBSHC
TO THE IHO COUNCIL.

Dear colleagues,

As the new Chairperson of the Commission, I want to introduce myself to those delegations that were unable to attend the 21st Conference held in Cádiz 11-13 June 2019. As you may know, I remain open and willing to collaborate with each and every Member to further cooperation, Capacity Building and a number of tasks listed during the Conference, most noteworthy the S-100 standards family which is to become a great leap forward in information availability for the safety of navigation, and the improvement of cartographic coordination and Navigational Warnings management among Member States.

On September 30, the minutes were submitted for review by the member countries that attended the 21st MBSHC Conference, which will be closed on October 21.

Additionally, the third IHO Council will meet this year in October, and this Conference will be represented by France, Italy and Turkey, While Spain will be attending on behalf of the EAHC.

However, the main event for 2020 will undoubtedly be the 2nd IHO Assembly, to be held in Monaco 21-23 April. Two items stand out from the Agenda:

1. Proposals or Submissions for the Assembly: as per ACC01, they should be submitted by Member States, the Council and the General Secretary no later than 20 December 2019.

We recommend that Members who require support or collaboration from MBSHC member states for their proposals may submit such requests via the Chair, if appropriate.

This Chair will circulate them to all members in due time. Consequently, any member with a proposal will be able to receive comments, support or collaboration required to submit their proposal before 15th December, as per ACC 03, instead of 20th December as per ACC01.

2. Election to the post of IHO Director: This election will be held on Friday 24th April 2020, during the morning session. To that end, “[i]n accordance with Article 19 of the IHO General Regulations, the list of candidates shall be closed ten days prior (10 April 2020) to the opening day of the 2nd session of the Assembly. However, it is strongly recommended that nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and preferably by 20 January 2020. This will allow the Secretary-General to issue a list of candidates, as complete as possible, together with all supporting documents for the session”.

The Annex to the STATUTES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (MBSHC), 8th Edition, June 2019, RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES FROM MBSHC TO THE IHO COUNCIL (as approved at the XIXth MBSHC Conference), requires the following:

- a. Point 1: « MBSHC Member States who wish to be selected from another Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) shall inform the MBSHC Chair and the IHO Secretary-General six months before the ordinary session of the IHO Assembly ».

As per CL33/2019, Member States concerned are encouraged to express their preferences at their earliest convenience and no later than 20 October 2019.

- b. Point 2: « Member States who wish to be selected from the MBSHC to the Council shall submit their application to the Chair and the IHO Secretary-General six months before the ordinary session of the IHO Assembly ». So, it is recommended that any member states who wish to submit an application to a post in the IHO Council do so no later than 20th October 2020.

Consequently, when The Secretariat of the IHO announces through Circular Letter how many Council seats will be allocated to the MBSHC (three seats in 2017), and after the Chair receives any proposals, we will proceed to the selection in accordance with the rules for the selection of members states from MBSHC to the Council..

To: MBSHC Members, Associated Members, Observers and IHO Representatives.

Please be reminded that Member States that intend to send a ship to Monaco during the Assembly period are kindly requested to inform the IHO Secretariat as soon as possible, and no later than 01 November 2019, so that advance notice for the allocation of suitable berths or moorings can be forwarded to the Monaco Port Authorities, noting that Port Hercule is frequently congested. Member States must also make a formal application through diplomatic channels to the Monaco Government for their ship to visit.

Please be informed that the new Secretary to the Chair of the MBSHC is CDR Salvador Moreno Soba, smorenos@fn.mde.es, ihmesp@fn.mde.es.

Do not hesitate to contact us for any question or comment.

Director of Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina
MBSHC Chairman
Captain José Daniel González-Aller Lacalle

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by 'D', 'G', 'A', and 'L' in a cursive script. The signature is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

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