



**NIOHC CL 03/2017**

**To:** Members and Observers of the IHO North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC)

**Subject: Selection Process for NIOHC allocated council seat**

Dear Hydrographer,

1-At the 16<sup>th</sup> NIOHC meeting in Chittagong (Bangladesh), Member states revised and accepted a proposal that was presented by the IHO director for "**Procedure for the Designation of NIOHC Representatives to the IHO Council**". The procedure was added as "**Annex A**" to the **Statutes of the NIOHC** along with the flowchart (Appendix 1) and example of voting paper (Appendix 2). Please refer to (NIOHC 17-02) **Minutes of meeting NIOHC16, clause4.**

2-In reference to **IHO circular letter (63/2016)**, only **ONE** seat is allocated for the NIOHC in the council, while a number of **FIVE** member states are eligible for selection by member states to this seat. The eligible states are: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka.

3- **Egypt** and **India** have already indicated their wishes to be considered as candidate states for selection to the NIOHC allocated council seat. However, being the NIOHC chair and according to the **NIOHC statute (Annex A)**, I invite any other member state (eligible for selection to the Council) to indicate if they wish to be considered as candidates for selection. If any other state is interested to be a candidate state, please forward your reply before the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2017.

4-On the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2017, I'll start the voting procedure for the NIOHC allocated council seat. The voting procedure will take place by correspondence where member states will send their voting papers to the chair.

I look forward to your reply.

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