

NIOHC CL 04/2017

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

Subject: Voting Procedure for NIOHC allocated council seat

References:

A-NIOHC CL 03/2017

B-NIOHC Statutes-Annex A "Procedure for the Designation of NIOHC Representatives to the IHO Council" along with the flowchart (Appendix 1) and example of voting paper (Appendix 2)

C- IHO circular letter (63/2016)

Dear Colleagues,

- 1-According to the agreed timeline (see reference A), I would now like to initiate the voting procedure to conduct the selection of the candidate state for the NIOHC allocated Council seat.
- 2- NIOHC has two applying candidates, namely **Egypt** and **India** for the NIOHC allocated council seat. No other member state, out of the five eligible states for selection (see reference C), has indicated her wish to be considered as a candidate state for the NIOHC allocated Council seat.
- 3- Only **ONE** seat is allocated for the NIOHC in the Council (see reference C). Voting procedure will be made by **full member states**, where each state will select one of the two applying candidates for the IHO Council seat allocated to NIOHC for the 2017-2020 period.
- 4- According to reference B, voting procedure will take place by correspondence where member states will send their voting papers to the chair. I would be grateful if you would fill the attached Voting paper (**Annex A**) and return it to me until the 20th of April 2017. I will collate all returned voting forms and inform you about the result before I will forward the name of the selected NIOHC Member State to the IHO Secretariat with the target date of the 21st of April 2017.

I look forward to your reply.

Commander Ahmed Hafez

Chairman of NIOHC

Annex A

North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC) Selection of Representative to the IHO Council Voting Paper

(To be returned to the Chair NIOHC until the 20th of April 2017)

Part A			
	Number of S	eats on Council allocated to the NIOHC:	ONE seat
Part B			
To vote for a candidate State put an 'X' in the adjacent box. Only one box can be marked.			
	EGYPT		
	INDIA		
Member State:Date:			
Autho	rized By:	(Signature)	
(Name)			