



IHO COUNCIL



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-Composed of one-fourth of, but not less than thirty, Member States, the first two-thirds of whom shall take their seats on a regional basis and the remaining one-third on the basis of hydrographic interests

-Members of the Council shall hold office until the end of the next ordinary session of the Assembly



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- meet at least once a year at the seat of the Organization unless convened elsewhere, in accordance with a decision of the Council
- composed according to the provisions of the General Regulations
- Each Member may be represented at the meetings of the Council by one or more representatives, one of whom should preferably be the head of the hydrographic office.
- Member States not being Members may participate at the meetings of the Council.



Timeline for the meetings of the Council

- * A Member State must apply to the RHC for selection, copying its application to the Secretary-General, at least six months before an ordinary session of the Assembly;
- * T-3 months: the Secretary-General inform all Member States of the number of Council seats allocated to each RHC and those Member States eligible for selection by each RHC



Timeline for the meetings of the Council

- * Each RHC shall declare to the Secretary-General, before the last day of each ordinary session of the Assembly, the Member States it has selected to take seats on the Council from among those eligible for selection.
- * Before the end of the ordinary session Assembly, the Secretary-General shall submit the full list of Council members to the Assembly.
- * The Assembly shall review and endorse the selection process to ensure that these principles have been correctly followed.

Planned Provisions

- IHO Convention as amended - Article VI
 - 30 seats up to 120 IHO Member States (then 1/4)
 - 2/3 (20) allocated on a regional basis



Planned Provisions

- IHO General Regulations (new) - Article 16
 - Number of seats allocated to each RHC by the Secretary-General based on the following:
 - Total equal to 2/3 of the Council seats
 - Each RHC entitled to at least one seat
 - Allocation based on the principle of a proportional representation
 - Every MS is counted as a full Member of one, but not more than one, RHC



Implementation

- 15 RHCs recognized (IHO General Regulations (new) - Article 8b and Annex)
 - ↳ 5 seats remaining for proportional allocation
- 20 MS are full members of more than one RHC
 - 13 MS are full members of two RHCs
 - 2 MS are full members of three RHCs
 - 3 MS are full members of four RHCs
 - 1 MS is full member of five RHCs
 - 1 MS is full member of six RHCs



RHCs

RHC / CHR	MBSHC	MACHC	NSHC	EAHC	NIOHC	BSHC	SWPHC	RSAHC
Members	19	13	10	9	9	8	8	8
Single Members	13	7	2	8	4	3	5	6

RHC	EAtHC	SAIHC	NHC	ARHC	SEPRHC	SWAtHC	USCHC
Members	6	6	5	5	4	3	2
Single Members	3	3	0	0	3	2	0



Possible Outcome

- MBSHC: 2 additional seats
- EAHC : 1 additional seat
- MACHC: 1 additional seat
- NSHC: 1 additional seat



The functions of the Council

- Elect its Chair and Vice-Chair, each of whom shall hold office until the end of the next ordinary session of the Assembly;
- Exercise such responsibilities as may be delegated to it by the Assembly ;
- Coordinate, during the inter-Assembly period, the activities of the Organization within the framework of the strategy, work programme and financial arrangements, as decided by the Assembly;
- Report to the Assembly at each ordinary session on the work of the Organization;



The functions of the Council

- Prepare, with the support of the Secretary-General, proposals concerning the overall strategy and the work programme to be adopted by the Assembly;
- Consider the financial statements and budget estimates prepared by the Secretary-General and submit them for approval to the Assembly with comments and recommendations regarding programmatic allocations of the budget estimates;



The functions of the Council

- Review proposals submitted to it by subsidiary organs and refer them:
 - To the Assembly for all matters requiring decisions by the Assembly; Back to the subsidiary organ if considered necessary; or
 - To the Member States for adoption, through correspondence;
 - Propose to the Assembly the establishment of subsidiary organs;
 - Review draft agreements between the Organization and other organizations, and submit them to the Assembly for approval.





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