

The 2nd Session of the Assembly

Heads of Delegation (virtual) Meeting

Assembly Chair: Marc van der Donck

Assembly Secretary: Mathias Jonas

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Level of participation

Registered Assembly attendees as of 12 November:

- 67 delegations represented by 179 delegates
- 19 observers
- Participation stretches over 20 time zones

6 registered media representatives for the media briefing 13 November.



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General information

- It is assumed that all documents are known and have been studied by participants in advance.
- Proposals and other Assembly documents will not be presented at great length by the submitter nor the Assembly Chair.
- The *Red Book* is regarded as the compilation of the relevant Member States comments. **The Assembly chair will only ask for additional comments!**
- The Council Chair report and the IRCC and HSSC update reports are not covered before. It is expected that those reports will trigger comments.



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Technical information

- All technical and procedural information are summarized in ACL31, dated 16 October 2020;
- Always check the latest versions of the Assembly Documents;
- Designate a member of your delegation who usually speaks on your behalf;

Be brief in your statements: 2 Minutes Maximum!



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Procedural information

- The virtual presence of a minimum of 45 Member States on the first Assembly session on Monday 16 November will constitute a quorum.
- The remote sessions will not result in final decisions but the flow of discussions and comments will provide the Assembly Chair with an indicative conclusion on the collective view.

Indication of support via a “silence procedure” (silence implies consent).

- Final approval of decisions, voting procedure’s and resulting actions according to the procedures described in ACL 29/2020 (next slides).



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Decision making mechanisms (1)

- The virtual Assembly sessions are not considered or designed for final decisions. The Assembly Chair to lead and summarize the discussion.
- Assembly Chair will indicate how he intends to reflect the perceived outcome of the discussion in his Assembly session notes during or at the closure of each Agenda item.
- Right after the closing of the third and last of the virtual Assembly sessions, the Assembly Chair, assisted by the Rapporteurs and Secretariat, will compile Assembly session notes, conclusive remarks and assumed decisions ready for dispatch as a draft virtual Assembly session report on the evening (CET) of Sunday, 22 November 2020.



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Decision making mechanism (2)

- Based on this draft compilation of the virtual Assembly session report, Member States will be invited to provide comments in writing within the next 72 hours, until Midnight of Wednesday, 25 November 2020.
- Such comments will be accepted in all four Assembly working languages: English, French, Spanish and Russian.
- The Assembly Chair, again assisted by the Secretariat, will then consider the comments received. Items for which the Assembly Chair concludes that no consensus has been achieved, will be automatically postponed to A-3 in 2023.
- The compilation of the final version of the virtual Assembly session report and the final list of A-2 decisions will be completed for dispatch by Monday 30 November 2020.



Voting Procedures

- The decision-making process at IHO is consensus-based and normally the decisions of the Assembly are taken without the need to hold a vote.
- In the few instances that it becomes apparent a decision would be needed by voting in the course of the virtual session, the wording on the matter on which the decision is to be made will be explicitly drafted in the Assembly Chair's session notes.
- The voting itself will be held by correspondence after the Assembly.



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Election of the Assembly Vice-Chair

Proposed candidate for Assembly Vice-Chair:

Ms Pia Dahl HØJGAARD (Denmark)

Election by silence procedure (silence implies consent)



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VTC etiquette

- Use identical hardware as for the test sessions;
- Switch microphone and video off as default;
- Request the floor with the chat function: type „floor“;
- Switch the microphone and video on only in case you have requested the floor;
- The chat function only to be utilized for requesting the floor or when requested by Chair to submit clarification comments;
- The sessions' video will be recorded but not the chat function.
- If you experience transmission problems try switching off the video;



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