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**ASSEMBLY CIRCULAR LETTER N° 7**  
**29 August 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY (A-3)**

**Monaco, 2-5 May 2023**

**INVITED OBSERVERS**

**SUBMISSION OF FINAL LISTS FOR APPROVAL**

References:

- A. Assembly Circular Letter (ACL) No. 4/Rev1 dated 16 May 2022 - *Observers at the 3rd Session of the IHO Assembly.*
- B. General Regulations of the IHO, Article 4
- C. Assembly Circular Letter (ACL) No. 1/Rev1 dated 28 April 2022 - *Announcement and General Arrangements.*
- D. IHO Resolution 5/1957, as amended, IHO Relations with Other Organizations

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The IHO Secretariat thanks the following Member States that replied to Reference A concerning the preparation of the lists of Observers to be invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly (A-3): Brazil, Chile, France and Iran. Their comments and the responses by the IHO Secretariat are provided in Annex A to this Circular Letter.
2. The responses received from Member States have been considered by the IHO Secretariat and the proposed lists of Observer States and Organizations to be invited to A-3 are attached in Annexes B, C and D. These lists are now submitted for approval and comment, as required by Article 4 of the General Regulations (Reference B) and in accordance with the timeline for the preparation of the session (Reference C).
3. In relation to invitations for States that are not Parties to the IHO Convention, paragraph (a) of Article 4 of Reference B specifies “*one or two observers each, if proposed by a Member State, the Council or the Secretary-General and subject to approval by two thirds of the Member States*”. In the absence of any comment on the proposed list circulated with Reference A, the IHO Secretariat proposes that the Secretary-General will invite all States listed in Annex B, subject to the required approval of Member States. **Member States should note that a two-thirds majority of IHO Member States is required.**
4. In accordance with paragraph (b) of Article 4 of Reference B, the Secretary-General will invite Member States with rights suspended that are listed in Annex C.
5. In accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of Article 4 of Reference B, the Secretary-General proposes to invite those inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental international

organizations, listed in Annex D, with which an agreement or special arrangement has been made in accordance with Reference D, if there are no further comments from Member States.

6. Member States are requested to provide further comments and consider approving the lists in Annexes B, C and D.

7. Responses are requested **no later than 31 October 2022**, by email (cl-lc@iho.int) or by fax (+377 93 10 81 40) when using the Response Form in Annex E, but preferably using the IHO Online Form System by accessing the following link:

[https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/web\\_form\\_acl\\_07\\_2022](https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/web_form_acl_07_2022)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mathias Jonas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Mathias JONAS  
Secretary-General

Annexes:

Annex A: Member States' responses to ACL 4 and comments from the IHO Secretariat.

Annex B: List of non-IHO Member States,

Annex C: List of suspended IHO Member States,

Annex D: List of inter-governmental organizations, and non-governmental international organizations.

Annex E: Response Form.

**MEMBER STATES' RESPONSES TO ACL 4  
AND COMMENTS FROM THE IHO SECRETARIAT**

**Invited Observers to A-3**

**BRAZIL**

Brazil supports the Lists of non-IHO Member States, suspended IHO Member States, Inter-governmental organizations, and Non-governmental international organizations attached to IHO ACL 04/2022.

*Comment from the IHO Secretariat:*

*The IHO Secretariat thanks Brazil for the support.*

**CHILE**

We have examined the Lists in the Attachment to the ACL 4/2022 and have no observations or suggestions to make.

*Comment from the IHO Secretariat:*

*The IHO Secretariat thanks Chile for the support.*

**FRANCE**

In response to your circular letter ACL 4/2022, France proposes to add to the list of observers in item 4 Mercator Ocean International (<https://www.mercator-ocean.eu/>).

*Comment from the IHO Secretariat:*

*The IHO Secretariat thanks France for the proposal that is supported.*

**IRAN**

I.R. of Iran approves the lists in the ACL04/2022 Annex.

*Comment from the IHO Secretariat:*

*The IHO Secretariat thanks Iran for the approval.*

**LIST OF GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE NOT PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE IHO**

|                                  |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Afghanistan                      | Gabon                            | Niger                            |
| Andorra                          | Gambia                           | Niue                             |
| Antigua and Barbuda              | Grenada                          | Palau                            |
| Armenia                          | Guinea                           | Panama                           |
| Austria                          | Guinea-Bissau                    | Paraguay                         |
| Azerbaijan                       | Haiti                            | Republic of Moldova              |
| Bahamas                          | Holy See                         | Rwanda                           |
| Barbados                         | Honduras                         | Saint Kitts and Nevis            |
| Belarus                          | Hungary                          | Saint Lucia                      |
| Belize                           | Israel                           | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Benin                            | Jordan                           | San Marino                       |
| Bhutan                           | Kazakhstan                       | Sao Tome and Principe            |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | Kiribati                         | Senegal                          |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina           | Kyrgyzstan                       | Sierra Leone                     |
| Botswana                         | Republic Lao People's Democratic | Slovakia                         |
| Burkina Faso                     | Lesotho                          | Somalia                          |
| Burundi                          | Liberia                          | South Sudan                      |
| Cabo Verde                       | Libya                            | State of Palestine               |
| Cambodia                         | Liechtenstein                    | Sudan                            |
| Central African Republic         | Lithuania                        | Swaziland                        |
| Chad                             | Luxembourg                       | Switzerland                      |
| Comoros                          | Madagascar                       | Tajikistan                       |
| Congo                            | Malawi                           | North Macedonia                  |
| Cook Islands                     | Maldives                         | Timor-Leste                      |
| Costa Rica                       | Mali                             | Togo                             |
| Côte d'Ivoire                    | Marshall Islands                 | Turkmenistan                     |
| Czech Republic                   | Mauritania                       | Tuvalu                           |
| Djibouti                         | Micronesia (Federated States of) | Uganda                           |
| Dominica                         | Mongolia                         | United Republic of Tanzania      |
| El Salvador                      | Namibia                          | Uzbekistan                       |
| Equatorial Guinea                | Nauru                            | Yemen                            |
| Eritrea                          | Nepal                            | Zambia                           |
| Ethiopia                         | Nicaragua                        | Zimbabwe                         |

*Note: this list is based on the list of UN Member States, UN Observer States and the two non-UN members (Niue and Cook Islands).*

**LIST OF SUSPENDED MEMBER STATES OF THE IHO**

|        |                      |         |
|--------|----------------------|---------|
| Serbia | Syrian Arab Republic | Vanuatu |
|--------|----------------------|---------|

**LIST OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AN AGREEMENT OR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH IHO**

|   |
|---|
| Association of Caribbean States (ACS)   |
| European Commission (EC) (Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)) |
| Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)  |
| International Maritime Organization (IMO)   |
| International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)  |
| International Seabed Authority (ISA)  |
| Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)   |
| Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA)                                    |
| Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM)  |
| Pacific Community (SPC)   |
| Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)                                     |
| Port Management Association of Western and Central Africa (PMAWCA)                          |
| United Nations Organization (UN)  |
| - DOALOS  |
| - UNGGIM  |
| World Meteorological Organization (WMO)   |

**LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HAS ESTABLISHED APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS**

(IN ACCORDANCE WITH IHO RESOLUTION 5/1957)

|  |
|--|
| Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO)                                 |
| Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)  |
| Chart & Nautical Instrument Trade Association (CNITA)                                    |
| Comité International Radio Maritime (CIRM)   |
| Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)  |
| Defence Geospatial Information Working Group (DGIWG)                                     |
| Inland ENC Harmonization Group (IEHG)  |
| Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)                        |
| International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO)                            |
| International Association of Geodesy (IAG)   |
| International Association of Institutes of Navigation (IAIN)                             |
| International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) |
| International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH)                                   |

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|---|
| International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC)                     |
| International Cartographic Association (ICA)                        |
| International Centre for ENC's (IC - ENC)                           |
| International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)                             |
| International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)                     |
| International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS)           |
| International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)                         |
| International Geographical Union (IGU)                              |
| International Harbour Masters' Association (IHMA)                   |
| International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA)                   |
| International Organization for Standardization (ISO)                |
| International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) |
| International Association of Tank Owners (INTERTANKO)               |
| Mercator Ocean International (MOI)                                  |
| Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)                                    |
| PRIMAR  |
| Professional Yachting Association (PYA)                             |
| Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) Aeronautics |
| Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA)                   |
| Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)                   |
| The Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO)        |
| The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA)                         |
| World Ocean Council (WOC)   |

**RESPONSE FORM***(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat **by 31 October 2022**)**e-mail: [cl-lc@iho.int](mailto:cl-lc@iho.int) - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40)***Approval of the Lists of Observers to be invited to A-3**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Member State:     |  |
| Point of Contact: |  |
| Contact e-mail:   |  |

1. Do you agree that the States listed in Annex B to ACL 7 be invited as Observers to A-3?

Please tick ✓ the appropriate box:

YES

NO

If you answer 'No', please explain your reasons in the comment section below:

**Comments:**

2. Do you have any comments or proposals to make regarding invitations to Observer Organizations listed in Annex D to ACL 7?

Please tick ✓ the appropriate box:

YES

NO

If you answer 'Yes', please provide your comments or proposals in the comment section below:

**Comments:**

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Name/Signature: | Date: |
|-----------------|-------|