

**3<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY****SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

2 May 2023

**WELCOME REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

The SECRETARY-GENERAL, delivering some welcome remarks, noted that the Assembly was being held in full compliance with the Convention on the IHO and the General Regulations, Financial Regulations and Rules of Procedure of the IHO Assembly, as set out in the Basic Documents of the IHO (publication M-1), and with the Resolutions of the IHO (publication M-3). Since a total of 56 delegations of Member States were registered as being present, the 3<sup>rd</sup> IHO Assembly was duly quorate.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY**

The SECRETARY-GENERAL announced that Ms Pia Dahl Højgaard (Denmark) had been elected as Chair of the Assembly through the usual correspondence procedure.

The election of Ms Pia Dahl Højgaard was confirmed by acclamation.

The Secretary-General handed over the chair to Ms. Pia Dahl Højgaard.

**ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY**

The CHAIR announced that Mr Adam Greenland (New Zealand) was nominated as Vice-Chair of the Assembly.

Mr Adam Greenland was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

**APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

A team of scrutineers was appointed, consisting of one representative each from Canada, Denmark, Italy, Portugal and Singapore.

**APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS**

A team of rapporteurs was appointed, consisting of one representative each from Japan and Papua New Guinea and two representatives each from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

HIS SERENE HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT II was escorted into the Assembly Hall.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL delivered his opening address, which is reproduced in these proceedings.

The CHAIR delivered her opening address, which is reproduced in these proceedings.

Dr HEIKE DEGGIM, Director, Maritime Safety Division of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), delivered a keynote address, which is reproduced in these proceedings.

Dr VLADIMIR RYABININ, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC), delivered a keynote address, which is reproduced in these proceedings.

Dr KERRI-ANN JONES, Deputy Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), delivered a keynote address, which is reproduced in these proceedings.

HIS SERENE HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco delivered an address declaring open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Assembly of the International Hydrographic Organization, which is also reproduced in these proceedings.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE PRINCE ALBERT I MEDAL**

HIS SERENE HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco presented the Prince Albert I Medal for Hydrography 2020 to Mr Peter Doherty (United States of America) and the Prince Albert I Medal for Hydrography 2023 to Captain Mark Van der Donck (Netherlands), in recognition of their diligent and long-standing work that provided a lasting legacy in relation to the objectives of IHO.

### **FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

The representatives of Republic of Bulgaria, Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Solomon Islands, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Iraq, Republic of Angola and the Republic of Albania were invited successively to present their flag as is the tradition. The Secretary-General presented each representative with the IHO crest.

HIS SERENE HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT II was escorted from the Assembly Hall to the exhibition venue to open and visit the Industry Exhibition and the Member States' Exhibition.

Participants were encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunity the Exhibitions provided to learn about innovations in the field of hydrography.

[Annexes (verbatim transcripts of addresses by Secretary-General, Chair of the Assembly, IMO, IOC, OECD, HSH Prince Albert) to follow]