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**IHO-IAG ADVISORY BOARD ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE LAW OF THE SEA
(ABLOS)**

- IHO REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Hydrographer,

1. According to its Rules of Procedure, the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) is composed of eight individual experts who provide advice, guidance and, where applicable, offer expert interpretation of the technical aspects of the Law of the Sea. Four experts are appointed by IHO and the other four experts by the International Association of Geodesy (IAG). The term of membership is for a period of four years and may be renewed for a further four year term. The current membership of ABLOS is listed in Annex A.

2. Professor Hyunsoo Kim, an IHO appointed member since 2013, retired from ABLOS after completing the second term. His position as a member of ABLOS is therefore vacant.

3. Member States are requested to consider nominating suitable experts to fill the vacancy (Deadline: 11 January 2024), by email (cl-ic@iho.int) when using the Voting Form in Annex B, but preferably using the IHO Online Form System by accessing the following:

https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl_38_2023

4. Member States should take into consideration the Rules of Procedure for ABLOS, in particular the following two articles:

2.5. Whilst members of ABLOS are appointed by their parent Organizations (IHO/IAG), to whom they are accountable, members are expected to serve as individual experts in their own right.

2.9. Members and Observers of ABLOS are expected to be supported by their own host organizations or governments for travel expenses and work.

5. The Secretariat will examine the nominations and select the new ABLOS member, in liaison with the ABLOS Chair, Dr Juan Carlos BÁEZ SOTO, Chile.

6. The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to express his appreciation to Professor Hyunsoo Kim, Republic of Korea, for his valuable contribution to ABLOS activities over the years of his involvement.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

Luigi SINAPI
Director

Annex A: Current list of ABLOS members
Annex B: Nomination form

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List of current ABLOS members

IHO representatives:

Captain Izabel King JECK	Brazil	July 2017 – October 2022 (BM29); October 2022 – October 2026 (BM33)	
Prof Lorenzo Schiano Di Pepe	Italy	January 2021 – October 2025 (BM32)	
Ms Fiona BLOOR	United Kingdom	April 2019 – October 2023 (BM30)	Vice-Chair
(VACANT)			

IAG representatives:

Dr Niels ANDERSEN	Denmark	July 2019 – October 2023 (BM30)	
Dr Juan Carlos BÁEZ SOTO	Chile	July 2019 – October 2024 (BM31)	Chair
Dr Marie-Françoise LEQUENTREC-LALANCETTE	France	March 2017 – March 2021; March 2021 – October 2025 (BM32)	
Mr John Ells	Canada	March 2021 – October 2025 (BM32)	

Ex-officio members:

UN DOALOS: Mr Vladimir JARES

IHO: Mr Leonel Manteigas (Secretary)

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**Nomination
Form**

(to be returned to the IHO info@iho.int by 11 January 2024)

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

Member State

Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of ABLOS?

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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IF YES:

Name of expert:

E-mail :

Comments :

Signature :

Date :

Attachment: CV of nominated expert