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**NOMINATION OF COMMODORE MIR IMDADUL HAQUE BY BANGLADESH
FOR DIRECTOR OF THE IHO**

References:

- A. Conference Circular Letter No.5 dated 14 June 2016 – *Call for Nomination of Candidates for Secretary General and Directors of the IHO*
- B. General Regulations of the IHO, Article 21

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A invited IHO Member States to nominate candidates for the positions of Secretary General and Director of the IHO and indicated that the names of candidates and their nomination forms will be published as soon as they are received.
2. Bangladesh has nominated **Commodore Mir Imdadul HAQUE** to stand for election at the 1st Session of the IHO Assembly for a post of Director of the IHO. The nomination form is enclosed.
3. As required by Reference B, the Secretary-General will collate all the nominations received and present a consolidated inventory as part of the documentation for the consideration of the Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Robert WARD
Secretary-General

Annex: Nomination Form from Bangladesh

Candidature for a post of¹

SECRETARY-GENERAL

DIRECTOR

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(Article 20 of the General Regulations)



Candidature à un poste de¹

SECRETAIRE GENERAL

DIRECTEUR

(Article 20 du Règlement général)

GENERAL - GENERALITES

1. Nominating Member State - *Etat membre qui présente le candidat* :
Peoples Republic of Bangladesh
2. Name -*Nom* : **Mir Imdadul Haque**
3. Nationality-*Nationalité* : **Bangladeshi**
4. Date of birth-*Date de naissance* : **12 August 1962**
5. Titles and décorations -*Titres et décorations* : **Commodore of Bangladesh Navy, Currently Director of Hydrography at Bangladesh Navy**

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES-ETUDES ET LANGUES

6. Education (periods, including specialized or special qualifications) -*Etudes (durée, y compris les qualifications spécialisées ou particulières)*:

Basic Hydrography (Cat B) Course, India	1994
International Hydrographic Management Course, USA	1994
Hydrographic Specialization (Cat A) Course, India	2000
Bachelor of Science, National University of Bangladesh	2001
Naval Staff Course, Bangladesh	2003
Master in Defence Studies, National University of Bangladesh	2004
Military & Peacekeeping Operation with rule of Law Course, USA	2004
Skills Training for Humanitarian and Peace Operations	2004
Mobile International Defence Management Course	2005
Allied Officers War Course, Pakistan	2005
Lead Auditor Course on ISO 9001:2000	2007
National Defence Course, Bangladesh	2011
Masters on Philosophy	2016

¹Tick one box or both

7. Languages (speaking and reading capacity) - *Langues (niveau oral et écrit)*:

Bangla (Mother Tongue)

English (Speaking and Reading)

Italian (Speaking and Reading)

French (Working Knowledge)

Hindi (Speaking)

SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE² - *SERVICES ET EXPERIENCE*²

8. Hydrographic service - *Services dans l'hydrographie* :

- 2014 – Present : Director of Hydrography at Naval Headquarters, Bangladesh Navy
- 2006 – 2011 : Director of Hydrography at Naval Headquarters, Bangladesh Navy
- 2004 – 2005 : Commanding Officer and Survey Officer in Charge onboard Offshore Survey Vessel BNS SHAIBAL
- 2001 – 2003 : Commanding Officer and Survey Officer in Charge onboard Offshore Survey Vessel BNS SHAIBAL
- 1997 – 2000 : Staff Officer to Director of Hydrography at Naval Headquarters, Bangladesh Navy
- 1993 – 1995 : Commanding Officer and Survey Officer in Charge onboard Coastal Survey Vessel BNS DARSHAK
- 1992 – 1992 : Executive Officer and Deputy Survey Officer in Charge onboard Coastal Survey Vessel BNS TALLASHI

9. Non-Hydrographic service - *Services autres qu'hydrographiques* :

- 2016 – Present : Drafting Authority at Naval Headquarters, Bangladesh Navy
- 2016 – 2016 : Director of Naval Training at Naval Headquarters, Bangladesh Navy
- 2014 – 2014 : Director of Signals at Naval Headquarters, Bangladesh Navy
- 2013 – 2014 : Chief Civil Military Coordinator, UN Mission in Ivory Coast
- 2012 – 2013 : Chief Staff Officer of Commander Chittagong Naval Area (COMCHIT), Bangladesh Navy

² All service and experience relevant to the nomination and which provide an indication of the extent to which the candidate is qualified to serve as Secretary-General or Director.

Tout service et toute expérience en rapport avec la candidature donnant une indication de la mesure dans laquelle le candidat est qualifié pour occuper le poste de Secrétaire général ou de Directeur.

2006 – 2006 : Executive Officer onboard Frigate BNS BANGABANDHU
1995 – 1997 : Commanding Officer on board Patrol Craft BNS SHAHEED
AKHTARUDDIN

10. Scientific Activities - *Activités scientifiques* :

2004 – 2005 : Oceanographic Survey during Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) survey
2006 – 2011 : Secretary National Hydrographic Committee
Member National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute
2010: Co-Chair at 10th meeting of North Indian Ocean Hydrographic
Commission (NIOHC), Bangladesh
2015: Co-Chair at 15th meeting of North Indian Ocean Hydrographic
Commission (NIOHC), Oman
2014 – Present: Secretary National Hydrographic Committee
Member National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute
2006 – Present: National Expert on Law of the Sea

CANDIDATE'S POSITION - *POSITION DU CANDIDAT*

11. The candidate is fully committed to utilize his prolong experience in the field of Hydrography and will try to enhance the global awareness on this issue. He is keen to work in maritime affairs and will generate extra confidence among the seafarers on hydrographic products.

12. He believes that, IHO is such an international authoritative body that can augment the safety aspects of maritime communication and efficiency of seafarers through its dynamic leadership and fostering close relationship among the hydrographic organizations and agencies around the world. He would try to bring all the stakeholders and international organisations under the umbrella of IHO to strengthen its authoritative power. At the same time he would also try to ensure the maximum benefit out of IHO for sea use as common heritage of mankind by conserving the marine environment. By doing this he would focus upon the ocean governance and development of blue economy of every country.

13. He is keen to improve upon the IHO publications to be an effective reference and globally accepted by all including non hydrographic organisations and land locked countries.

14. One of his mottos would be to introduce modern survey equipment with economy of effort by all the countries. He would assist the developing hydrographic community by different capacity building measures.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - *RENSEIGNEMENTS COMPLEMENTAIRES*
(if any) (le cas échéant)

15. Commodore Mir Imdadul Haque, (H), ndc, psc, BN served as a Hydrographer for 23 years in Bangladesh Navy. During his tenure he served as Director of Hydrography in Bangladesh Navy twice from 2006 to 2011 and 2014 to present. Before joining as Director of Hydrography, he was extensively involved in Hydrographic and Oceanographic survey both as Survey Officer in Charge/Chief Surveyor and Senior Surveyor/Deputy Chief Surveyor. He has commanded different hydrographic ships of Bangladesh Navy both coastal and offshore. He was also involved in the maritime affairs in particular with maritime safety and security, nautical charting and maritime research activities beside hydrographic and oceanographic activities.

16. As director of Hydrography he was focussed on ensuring availability of hydrographic services in the Bay of Bengal as per Bangladesh Government's requirement, issue Hydrographic Instructions (HI), assist implementation of different development activities at sea, advise government and appropriate authority regarding maintenance of marine environment in the Bay of Bengal, provide expert opinion in the decision making process of conducting different operations in particular to the recent maritime boundary delimitation process with Myanmar and India. Commodore Imdad has successfully coordinated the Regional Hydrographic Commissions' activities for Bangladesh and enhanced the cooperation. He took enough initiative in appropriate manner to observe World Hydrographic Day every year according to the theme established by IHO. This assisted in raising awareness about hydrography among the different maritime stakeholders as well as different ministries of Bangladesh.

17. Commodore Imdad is the member secretary of Bangladesh National Hydrographic Committee and an active member of the National Oceanographic And Maritime Institute (NOAMI). He has participated in several international maritime activities/seminars/conferences/meetings representing Bangladesh as a member and Head of Delegation. Among those, he presented Bangladesh hydrographic activities in the Oceanographic and Hydrographic Survey Vessel Conference – 2016 arranged by International Quality and Productive Centre (IQPC). The North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC) meeting both in 2010 and 2016 held in Bangladesh was organized under his able guidance and supervision. He is one of the national experts on Law of the Sea for Bangladesh.

18. Commodore Imdad is a proactive naval officer with sound leadership and managerial qualities. He has an excellent communication skill and maintains very good relations with different hydrographic organizations both at national and international arena. As a seafarer and dedicated Hydrographer, he understands the requirement and utilization of technologies in this sector. Thus, he is a keen promoter of new technologies and techniques in hydrographic survey and production of nautical charts to achieve the international standard in quality and coverage. He has also achieved his MPhil degree on Maritime policies and actively contributes in the national forums on importance of maritime policy and sustainable use of maritime resources.

19. As a veteran hydrographer in national level, he is willing to utilize the experience in the international level and to serve the global hydrographic community by managing the IHO secretariat with high performance.

Date : 30 January 2017

Signature of candidate:

Signature du candidat : _____

M I HAQUE
Commodore BN
Director Hydrography
Naval Headquarters
Banani, Dhaka-1213

Forwarding Authority - *Autorité qui transmet* : _____

Signature of forwarding authority:

Signature de l'autorité qui transmet : _____

M MAKBUL HOSSAIN
Rear Admiral
Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations)

