

DECISIONS OF THE 3rd SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY

Decision No.	Decision
1	The Assembly confirmed the election of Mrs Pia Dahl Højgaard (Denmark) as Assembly Chair by acclamation.
2	The Assembly elected Mr Adam Greenland (New Zealand) as Assembly Vice-Chair by acclamation.
3	The Assembly adopted the Agenda (Doc. A3_2023_G_01_EN_Rev4).
4	The Assembly endorsed the Council Report subject to the specific approval of the proposals submitted, namely PRO 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 3.1 and 3.2.
5	The Assembly endorsed that the item related to a revised definition of hydrographic interest is closed until a new submission or proposal by Member State(s) is put forward to the Council/Assembly.
6	The Assembly endorsed the Report of the Work Programme 1.
7	PRO 1.1: The Assembly approved the new Resolution on S-100 Implementation including the editorial suggestions proposed by Canada.
8	<p>PRO 1.2: The Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) agreed on the continuation of conduct of the annual Work Programmes on the basis of the Strategic Plan in place for 2021 – 2026 and directed the Council accordingly. b) approved that Goal 1 of the IHO Strategic Plan and its targets shall have the highest priority in the implementation of the 2024–2026 Work Programme. c) directed IRCC to provide guidance to the MSDI Working Group on the implementation of Goal 2/Target 2.1 through supporting national and regional MSDIWG efforts via RHCs and the continued provision of global thematic layers by means of the existing IHO GIS infrastructure (trusted source, standardized, interoperable). Any proposed extension of the portfolio of global thematic layers by MSDIWG has to be brought forward to IRCC for endorsement and Council for approval. d) agreed to task the Secretariat, assisted by the HSSC and IRCC chairs, to continue to measure the effectiveness and the efficiency of the three Work Programmes implementation by means of the Strategic Performance Indicators as endorsed by the Council. e) tasked the Council with the development of the revised Strategic Plan to be put in place for 2027 – 2032 in compliance with the Planning Cycle and to submit the result for adoption by A-4 in 2026. The Council is empowered to establish a Working Group for this discrete purpose, if appropriate.

9	<p>PRO 1.3: The Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approved the proposed amendment to IHO Resolution on gender-inclusive language to be used in IHO documents and communications. b) directed the IHO Secretariat to implement the gender-inclusive language in M-1 as a first step and invited all IHO Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Groups, Project Teams and Regional Hydrographic Commissions to review their TORs and ROPs in application of the new IHO Resolution. c) endorsed that the application process of IHO Res.1/2020 will become part of the regular drafting and revision process of all IHO documents and communication.
10	<p>PRO 1.5: The Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approved the Revision of the IHO Publication M-7 Staff Regulations. b) endorsed to set the new Edition 9.0.0 in force by 1 July 2023 subject to a check of gender neutral language prior to its publication.
11	<p>PRO 1.6: The Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) endorsed the Secretary-General's recommendation to postpone the consideration of the necessity of the subsequent development of basic guidelines for the allocation and display of attributes of sea areas to be applied to Geographic Information Systems after the S-130 Product Specification and the implementation as authoritative S-130 dataset will be finalized. b) endorsed the Secretary-General's recommendation to postpone the consideration of subsequent amendments to the relevant IHO Resolutions, for endorsement by the Council, if appropriate, after the S-130 Product Specification and the implementation as authoritative S-130 dataset will be finalized.
12	<p>The Assembly endorsed the Report of the Work Programme 2.</p>
13	<p>PRO 2.1: The Assembly took note and approved the fundamental strategic change introduced by the S-100 framework and approved the Dual Fuel Concept for S-100 ECDIS.</p>
14	<p>PRO 2.2: The Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) recognized the need to establish the S-100 Infra Center and approved the foundation of a new Project Team under HSSC with a three-year work plan including the establishment of the S-100 Infra Center and to prepare for the actual implementation period with consideration of the possible location of the Center. b) requested HSSC to propose to the Council to establish the S-100 Infra Center and how it can support the S-100 framework. c) tasked Council to report to the 4th IHO Assembly the progress of its three-year operation including the establishment of the S-100 Infra Center.
15	<p>PRO 2.3: The Assembly was not able to reach an agreement but anticipate that the UK will keep Council and HSSC informed on the progress achieved with IMO and other interested partners.</p>

16	The Assembly endorsed the Report of the Work Programme 3.
17	PRO 3.1: The Assembly approved the revision of clause (e) of Article 8 of the General Regulations of the IHO.
18	PRO 3.2: The Assembly approved and adopted the revised Capacity Building Strategy.
19	PRO 3.3: The Assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approved the proposed IHO Resolution on the recognition of the Southern Ocean. b) took note of the consequences on the limits of some global sea areas as a result of recognition of the Southern Ocean. c) endorsed the fact that this new Resolution is without prejudice to or limitation of the views of the IHO, any other international body or any IHO Member State regarding the subject matter addressed.
20	PRO 3.5: The Assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Recognized the important global maritime issues facing the hydrographic community worldwide and that addressing these issues will require expanded global hydrographic capacity. b) Approved the proposal to establish an ad hoc Project Team under IRCC to explore the possible establishment of reliable alternative funding for activities including capacity building and GEBCO. c) Authorized Council via IRCC to review progress reports from the Project Team at least annually and provide guidance to the Project Team in preparation to report out to 4th Assembly (A4).
21	The Assembly tasked the Council to discuss the request from the SWPHC for the provision of mechanisms to ensure greater inclusion and participation of all Member States at IHO meetings, in particular the IHO Assembly and come up with solutions as soon as possible.
22	The Assembly approved the Finance Report 2020 – 2022.
23	The Assembly approved the Annual Finance Report 2022 (Annual Report 2022 Part II) and noted the Annual Report 2022 (draft Edition 1.1.0, April 2023) (Doc. A3_2023_G_09 refers).
24	The Assembly approved the Secretary-General's recommendations for A3 for the use of the 2022 surplus to add it to the Assembly Fund.
25	The Assembly endorsed the appointment of CABINET TARAMAZZO (Monaco) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to audit the 2022 IHO's accounts ex post facto • to audit the fiscal years 2023 – 2025.
26	The Assembly approved the 3 years' budget 2024 – 2026.
27	The Assembly approved the increase of the value of the Member States contribution share by 3% to 4,145.05 Euro (~ 120 Euro per share) in one step taking effect in 2024.

28	<p>PRO 1.4: The Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approved the 3 years' Work Programme 2024 – 2026; b) approved the 3 years' budget estimates 2024 – 2026; c) tasked the Council to adapt the Work Programme 2024 – 2026 and Budget Estimates 2024 – 2026 according to the applying decisions made at A3.
29	The Assembly approved the Table of Tonnages, Shares, Contribution and Votes (Doc A3_2023_G03_EN/FR_V3) as prepared according to IHO Financial Regulations, Articles 5 and 6.
30	<p>The Assembly elected successively:</p> <p>Dr Mathias Jonas (Germany) to the post of Secretary-General, for a term of office of three years starting on 1 September 2023,</p> <p>Dr John Nyberg (USA) to a post of Director for a term of office of six years starting on 1 September 2023.</p>
31	The Assembly endorsed the selection process of the Members of the Council 2023-2026 (Doc. A3_2023_G_07_EN_v3).
32	The Assembly approved the Members of the Council 2023-2026 (Doc. A3_2023_G_08_EN_v3).
33	The Assembly agreed to plan the 4 th Session of the Assembly (A-4) for 20-24 April 2026.
34	The Assembly agreed to start the seating order of 4 th Session of the Assembly (A-4) with Character A of the French alphabet.
35	<p>The Assembly:</p> <p><i>Recognizing</i> the continued close association and significant support of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II and the Government of the Principality of Monaco in hosting the International Hydrographic Organization,</p> <p><i>Appreciating</i> the kind generosity of His Serene Highness and the Government of the Principality of Monaco in providing premises for the Organization,</p> <p><i>Further appreciating</i> the provision of a reception to the participants of the 3rd Session of the Assembly,</p> <p><i>Further appreciating</i> the provision of the Port Facilities of Monaco for the ships that called during the 3rd Session of the Assembly,</p> <p><i>Expresses</i> its profound gratitude to His Serene Highness Prince Albert II and the Government of the Principality of Monaco for their graciousness and kind hospitality extended to the Organization, and</p> <p><i>Requests</i> the delegation of the Principality of Monaco to convey to His Serene Highness and the Government of the Principality of Monaco the sincere sentiments of the Assembly expressed above.</p>