

3rd SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY
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**ENDORSEMENT OF
THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE COUNCIL**

Submitted by the Secretary-General

Background

1. In accordance with the basic documents of the IHO that entered into force on 8 November 2016, a new Council must be established before the end of each ordinary session of the IHO Assembly. The new Council commences its work after the end of the 3rd Session of the Assembly. The members of the 3rd Council shall hold office until the end of the next ordinary Session of the Assembly in 2026 for three years.
2. In accordance with Article VI (a) of the IHO Convention as amended, 30 Member States shall take seats in the Council as long as the number of Member States is not greater than 120.
3. The procedure for determining the composition of the Council is set out in Article 16 of the General Regulations. This article requires in particular that:
 - (d) *Before the end of the ordinary session the Secretary-General shall submit the full list of Council members to the Assembly.*
 - (e) *The Assembly shall review and endorse the selection process to ensure that these principles have been correctly followed.*

Selection process

4. A first set of 20 seats shall be allocated on a regional basis. In application of the General Regulations, the Secretary-General invited Member States, which were full members of more than one Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC), to indicate in which RHC they wished to be counted for the purpose of enabling the Secretary-General to determine the number of seats on the Council allocated to each RHC (IHO CL 27/2022 dated 29 June 2022 refers). The allocation was reported in IHO CL 43/2022 dated 7 November 2022, which also invited the Chairs of RHCs to provide the identity of the State(s) that will occupy the seat(s) allocated to their RHC.
5. In accordance with sub-paragraph (b) (vi) of Article 16 of the General Regulations, the Secretary-General ensured that the outcome was not affected by any new States becoming members of the IHO up to 3 months before the beginning of the 3rd Session of the Assembly, that is before 2 February 2023.
6. Most of the RHCs have already officially declared the Member States which are selected to take seats on the Council. Table 1 below provides the resultant distribution of the 20 seats on the Council allocated to the RHCs indicating those States that were eligible to be selected to occupy those seats and where known, the identity of the State(s) selected to occupy the seat(s) allocated to each RHC.

Table 1 showing the number of seats on the IHO Council distributed on a regional basis and the Member States eligible to occupy those seats

Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC)	Member States (MS) eligible to occupy one of the 20 Council seat(s) allocated to the RHCs (MS that are Members of more than one RHC shown in bold) (MS whose rights are suspended shown in <i>strikethrough</i>)	Number of MS to be counted in the calculation of the number of seats on a proportional basis	Number of Council seats allocated to the RHC	MS selected by the RHC to occupy the Council seat(s) allocated to the RHC
MBSHC	Algeria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France , Georgia, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia , Slovenia, Spain , Syria , Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine.	19	3	Croatia, France, Italy
EAHC	Brunei Darussalam, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia , Japan, Korea (Rep of), Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand	10	2	Malaysia, Thailand
MACHC	Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands , Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela.	10	2	Jamaica, Netherlands
RSAHC	Bahrain, Iran (Islamic Rep. of), Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan , Qatar, Saudi Arabia , United Arab Emirates	8	1	Saudi Arabia
SWPHC	Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, USA , Vanuatu	9	2	Fiji, New Zealand
NIOHC	Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka	4	1	India
SAIHC	Angola, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, United Kingdom	7	1	Angola
EATHC	Cameroon, Democratic Rep of Congo, Ghana, Morocco , Nigeria, Portugal	6	1	Portugal
NSHC	Belgium, Germany , Iceland , Ireland	4	1	Germany
BSHC	Estonia, Finland , Latvia, Poland, Sweden , Russian Federation	6	1	Sweden
SEPRHC	Chile, Colombia , Ecuador, Peru	4	1	Chile
ARHC	Denmark	1	1	Denmark
SWATHC	Argentina, Brazil , Uruguay	3	1	Brazil
NHC	Norway	1	1	Norway
USCHC	Canada	1	1	Canada
Total		93	20	

7. The remaining 10 seats on the IHO Council are to be allocated to Member States that have not already been selected to occupy a seat allocated on a regional basis. These 10 seats are to be allocated on the basis of hydrographic interests, which under the current regulation

is defined as national flag tonnage. In accordance with Article 6 (a) of the Financial Regulation, the Secretary-General refers to the table of tonnages that had entered into force on 1 January 2021 (Decision A2/05) and will be approaching each Member State on the list, which is in order of highest tonnage, inviting the State to declare if it wishes to take up one of the 10 seats (if not already selected by a RHC). The process continues until all 10 seats are filled.

8. The full allocation process of Council seats will be finalized under agenda item 12 with reference to the document A3_2023_E_02_Rev1– *Table of Tonnages, Shares and Votes applicable at A-3*. The provisional list is provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2 of tonnages (based on table in force since 1 January 2021)	Tonnage
CHINA	97 570 000
SINGAPORE	91 047 748
MALTA	77 231 000
INDONESIA	45 194 835
UNITED KINGDOM	44 876 668
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	42 189 086
GREECE	39 949 462
JAPAN	28 302 915
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24 885 595
CYPRUS	24 391 273