

Proposal submitted for consideration of Council-5

**Council role in Annual Assessment of the implementation of the
IHO Strategic Plan in support of anticipated
Report to be Assembly-3**

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Executive Summary: Successful implementation of the IHO Strategic Plan will require sustained and comprehensive attention of all bodies of the IHO Work Program and member states. The Council, composed of 30 leading globally representative member states of the IHO, including Chairs of IHO Programs 1, 2, and 3, provides an excellent venue for executive level preparation, assessment, discussion, and comprehensive understanding of the operational considerations and requirements to implement the IHO Strategic Plan. As such, the proposal calls for the Council Chair to take all necessary steps to prepare and issue an annual summary report at year end on the status and requirements on the implementation of the IHO Strategic Plan for years 2021 and 2022 in advance of Assembly-3.

Related Documents:

[IHO Strategic Plan](#)

Proposed Table of Targets, SPIs and Lead, version 0.2, 18 Nov 2020 ([see Council-5](#))

Agenda and reports of the HSSC and IRCC when available

[Membership of the IHO Council](#)

Background

1. The members of the IHO approved and adopted the IHO Strategic Plan (SP) at the Assembly-2 meeting, October 2020. The Plan covers the years 2021-2026 and includes goals, strategic performance indicators and targets. The implementation of the SP in the early years leading to Assembly-3 will be critical to indicate progress of the IHO on the strategy to nations and other Intergovernmental Organizations. Quantifying and measuring the performance progress is recognized as a complex and likely interdependent effort on the part of all three programs and their sub elements of the IHO, Program 1 (Corporate Affairs), Program 2 (Standards and Services) and Program 3 (Interregional Coordination).

Discussion

2. The Proposed Table of Targets, SPIs and Lead, version 0.2, 18 Nov 2020 is the latest public summary of the implementation plan. The Council is an ideal venue to bring together summary information across all three IHO programs of work that will provide a strategic understanding and awareness of the success and priorities of achieving the SP. Creating this awareness broadly across all member states and all programs requires careful analysis. Developing summary statistics and exploring issues requires ongoing communication with key parts of the IHO working structure.

3. At Assembly-2 the Chair of the IHO Council delivered the report of the IHO Strategic Plan Review Working Group recommending the Plan for adoption. The plan was adopted.
4. The sponsor of this proposal anticipates that the IHO Council Chair will deliver the report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan at Assembly-3 (2023). An annual assessment and status check for years one (2021) and two (2022) of the implementation of the plan will facilitate development of the very important report to the Assembly-3 in Spring 2023. The Council will benefit with a preliminary report prepared for discussion and input at Council-6 in October 2022. This discussion will allow positions to be developed and submission of a report to Assembly-3 with the required lead time, ie. January 2023.
5. As various parts of the IHO community (IRCC, HSSC, IHO Secretariat, and working groups and commissions) have started evaluating aspects of the implementation of the SP bearing on their technical focal area(s), a Council generated year-end report would expectedly make best use of those existing efforts and insights. The Council report may also offer observations for further consideration by the IHO.

Proposal

6. The Chair of the IHO Council shall organize and prepare an annual summary of the implementation of the IHO Strategic Plan for 2021 and 2022. For this purpose, the Chair of Council is invited to constitute any team they wish to call upon from the membership of the Council and the membership of the IHO itself, including the IHO Secretariat.

Action Required of Council-5

6. The Council is invited to:
 - a. Consider the benefits of a consolidated annual summary of progress on the IHO SP to the MS
 - b. Request the Council Chair establish a methodology to create the summary
 - c. Request IHO MS provide support for this as required
 - d. take any other actions that may be required.