



IMPLEMENTATION OF A-2 DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM 7.3Á

PREPARATION STEPS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW IHO COUNCIL 2023-2026

**ESSENTIALS OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- **CL 27/2022 calls for MS to declare in which Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) they wish to be counted for the purpose of determining the number of seats allocated to each RHC on the IHO Council by 20 October 2022**
- **Secretary-General will inform all MS of the number of seats allocated to each RHC and those MS eligible for selection by each RHC three months before the ordinary session of the Assembly (End of January 2023).**
- **each RHC shall declare to the Secretary-General, before the last day of each ordinary session of the Assembly, the Member States it has selected to take seats on the Council from among those eligible for selection.**

**ESSENTIALS OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS & FINANCE REGULATIONS**

- The remaining one-third of Council seats shall be held by Member States that have the greatest interest in hydrographic matters and have not been selected under the RHC procedure.
- The scale by which an interest in hydrographic matters is measured shall be national flag tonnage.
- SG determines which MS will hold this one third of Council seats by identifying them in descending order of their national flag tonnages.
- Reference will be the latest revision of the table of tonnage as approved by the second Assembly (A2) (validity 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023) and possibly amended by new Member States which have acceded.

**ESSENTIALS OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS & FINANCE REGULATIONS & COUNCIL ROP**

- SG will ascertain the willingness of each of them to hold a seat on the Council.
- Before the end of the ordinary session the SG will submit the full list of Council members to the Assembly for review and endorsement.
- Assembly disbands the previous Council. SG will act as interim Council Chair until installation of the new Council in October 2023.
- Election of the new Council Chair iaw Rule 12 of the Council ROP (nominations for positions of Chair and Vice-Chair within 5 weeks after the end of A-3, voting by secret postal ballot within 10 weeks after the end of A-3).