



ITEMS PROPOSED BY A MEMBER STATE OR BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

AGENDA ITEM 7.1

INCREASED PARTICIPATION ON IHO BODIES ACTIVITIES

**DIRECTIONS TAKEN FROM A3 AND C-7 WAY AHEAD**

- A3 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 /D A3/21).
- The Secretariat submitted a proposal for discussion of the situation and follow up activities (C7-07.1A) addressing the following essentials:
 - Description of the working regimes and side conditions of IHO bodies on all levels from WG, PT, Committees/Subcommittees, Council to Assembly;
 - Regulatory situation (how would IHO Basic documents be subject to changes?)
 - Recommendations for hybridization and virtualization of meetings of IHO bodies on all levels

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- AU, NZ & UK provided a joint proposal how to make IHO Events more inclusive addressing the following essentials (C7-07.2B) :
 - The value of face-to-face engagement is recognized by many in support of building trusting relationships and tackling difficult issues. However, technology allows to engage a much broader group by extending to additional participants through remote connections. A mixed approach across the various bodies of IHO is necessary.
 - recommends that each body of the IHO should consider and agree the format of its events and that this should be included as part of meeting agendas.
 - recommends that a guideline on provision of “basic hybrid” meetings is developed where remote participants can follow discussions by hearing and seeing the content presented but without the extensive facilities such as additional screens, and audio-visual support to provide a fully immersive hybrid meeting.
 - IHO Assembly should be made accessible so that proceedings can be observed remotely,
 - Member States may vote by postal ballot in elections of the Secretary-General and of Directors.

**C-7 WAY AHEAD**

- Install an Ad hoc Drafting Group to prepare a proposed IHO Resolution on Guidelines for Making IHO events more inclusive:
 - on all working levels from WG, PT, Committees/Subcommittees, Council to Assembly,
 - impact assessment on existing IHO Basic Documents,
 - implementation plan, cost efficiency measures, investments to be made.
- Post C-7: IHO Secretariat to refine the draft proposed IHO Resolution if appropriate, and submit it to IHO Member States for approval.