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COUNCIL CIRCULAR LETTER
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**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE THIRD IHO COUNCIL -
CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE 7th MEETING OF THE IHO COUNCIL
AND PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

References:

- A. Publication M-1 - Edition 2.1.2, March 2023 - *Basic Documents of the IHO.*
- B. Council Circular Letter 01/2023 dated 09 May – *Call for Nominations for the Positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Third IHO Council and Election Procedure.*
- C. Council Circular Letter 02/2023 dated 16 May – *Announcement of the Seventh Meeting of the IHO Council and Provisional Agenda.*
- D. IHO Resolution 8/1967 as amended – *Procedure for considering proposals submitted by Member States to the Council.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. This Council Circular Letter covers two important topics:
 - a. The election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council;
 - b. The call for comments on the proposals to be considered by the Council at its 7th meeting in October.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

2. The procedure for the Council Members to elect the Council Chair and Vice-Chair, which must be completed *within ten weeks¹ after the last day of the Assembly* (Reference A, Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of IHO Council), started early May with the call for nominations for these positions (Reference B).
3. The IHO Secretariat thanks the Members of the Council that responded formally to Reference B by submitting nominations or volunteering for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the IHO Council: Denmark, nominated by Croatia and Norway, and Japan.
4. The nominations are:
 - a. For the position of Chair:

Mrs Pia Dahl HØJGAARD, Director General of the Danish Geodata Agency and former Chair of the 3rd Session of the Assembly
 - b. For the position of Vice-Chair:

¹ That is: 14 July 2023.

Dr Masayuki FUJITA, Chief Hydrographer, Japan Hydrography and Oceanography Department

5. Ms Pia Dahl HØJGAARD is the only nominee for the position of Chair of the Council. Unless there is a justified objection from Members of the Council **no later than 14 July 2023**, she will be considered as elected unopposed as the Chair of the Council for the period 2023 – 2026.
6. Dr Masayuki FUJITA is the only nominee for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council. Unless there is a justified objection from Members of the Council **no later than 14 July 2023**, he will be considered as elected unopposed as the Vice-Chair of the Council for the period 2023 – 2026.
7. The Chair and Vice-Chair will formally take up their duties at the start of the 7th meeting of the Council on 17 October 2023 with the confirmation of their election together with the formal establishment of the third IHO Council.

Call for comments on Proposals submitted to C-7

8. C-7 will be held for three full days through six plenary sessions as depicted in the table below.

C-7 (UTC+2, CEST)		
Monday 16 October	15:00 – 16:00	Rapporteurs and précis-writers briefing
Monday 16 October	16:00 -18:00	Informal voluntary gathering, open optional brainstorming session
Tuesday 17 October	C-7 Session 1, 09:30-12:30	C-7 Session 2, 14:00-17:00
Wednesday 18 October	C-7 Session 3, 09:30-12:30	C-7 Session 4, 14:00-17:00
Thursday 19 October	C-7 Session 5, 09:30-12:30	C-7 Session 6 ² , 14:00-17:00

9. In accordance with Reference A (Rule 7 of the ROP of the Council), the deadline for submitting proposals is **17 July 2023**. All documents received after the deadline will be considered as information papers only.

10. In order for the IHO Secretariat to prepare the *C-7 Red Book* and make it available on the C-7 webpage at least two months before the opening day of the meeting of the Council (in accordance with Reference A), Member States are invited to monitor the updates made on the list of proposals on the C-7 webpage on a regular basis and to forward any comments that they may have, so they reach the IHO Secretariat (by e-mail: cl-lc@iho.int, Word version in Arial font preferably or converted pdf file) **no later than 8 August 2023** (“...*ten weeks before the opening...*”, in accordance with Reference D, paragraph 1).

² Optional.

11. To facilitate the preparation of the organization of C-7 and based on the experience from previous Council meetings, Member States having a seat at the Council are also invited to nominate rapporteurs by email to: ves.guillam@iho.int, **by 8 August 2023**. Instructions for rapporteurs will be provided on request. For planning purposes, it should be noted that the rapporteur(s) in charge of Thursday sessions 5 and 6 possibly may need to work with the IHO Secretariat until Friday afternoon (close of business), when the summary report/proceedings from the précis-writers for these two last sessions become available for checking and validation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mathias Jonas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mathias JONAS
Secretary-General, and Acting Chair of the Council

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