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PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 8th MEETING OF THE IHO COUNCIL

References:

- A. Summary Report of the 7th Meeting of the IHO Council (C-7).
- B. IHO CL 28/2024 dated 19 June 2024 - *Increasing participation in activities of IHO bodies.*
- C. IHO CCL 01/2024 dated 5 April - *Announcement of the Eighth Meeting of the IHO Council and Provisional Agenda.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. This Council Circular Letter aims to provide you with an update on the practical arrangements planned for the 8th meeting of the IHO Council (C-8) in October.
2. As offered in Reference C (Paragraph 1), the Secretariat has received a couple of requests from IHO Member States to consider the possibility of setting up a passive streaming option for C-8. Therefore the meeting will be held at the IHO Secretariat in Monaco from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 October 2024 as a face-to-face event with passive livestreaming arrangements for those IHO Member States representatives unable to be physically present.
3. In line with the discussions held at C-7 (Reference A, paragraph 7.1) also planned at C-8 under agenda item 7.1 - *Report on inclusive participation in IHO meetings and proposed Resolution -*, noting Reference B, the Secretariat in consultation with the Council Chair, decided to inform all IHO Member States on this opportunity.
4. Practical arrangements to make benefit of this passive streaming option are the following:
 - This option is normally intended to support IHO Member States which don't have a seat at the Council, and Council Members, normally all physically present in Monaco, but willing to have their advisors online during some meeting sessions.
 - Representatives intending to attend through passive streaming are kindly invited to register online for the C-8 event and select the VTC option **no later than 30 September 2024**. The link to connect to the streaming platform will not be made publicly available on the C-8 webpage but will be emailed on Monday 14 October, only to those registered in C-8 (VTC registered participants).

- Participants should keep in mind that the timetable¹ of C-8, still under preparation, will serve as a framework for managing the different meeting sessions. The slots devoted to the several agenda items are estimates only and the time consumption will depend on the flow of the discussion. Therefore there is no guarantee that the exact timing for addressing agenda items can be fully met.
- IHO Member States that are not Members of the Council may attend the meeting as observers, either in presence, or remotely through passive streaming. To ascertain that the Council remains efficient, there will be no possibility to intervene or provide comments remotely (passive mode only).

5. The Secretariat hopes that these new arrangements will meet IHO Member States expectations.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ In UTC+2, CEST