IRCC16 - Agenda item 5.2
Report of the Ad hoc Drafting Group for Making IHO Events More Inclusive (Drafting Group)

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IHO Council (C7) Action

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- Prepare an IHO Resolution on [Guidelines for Making IHO Events More Inclusive](#) (final title TBC) based on the recommendations made by the Secretary-General and preliminary analysis from AU, NZ & UK

- Drafting group to include AU, CL, FJ, SG, SE?, NZ(Lead), UK, US

- Objective to maximise participation at IHO meetings
  - Encourage PT, WG, Committees, Council & Assembly where possible to consider technology* to increase participation, diversity and inclusion to ensure the widest possible contributions in delivery of the IHO strategy and workplan
  - *Technology allows us to engage a much broader group by extending to additional participants through remote connections

IHO Council (C7) Action

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- Prepare a Survey on MS, WG Chairs, & IHO Secretariat capacity, willingness & preference to host meetings (PT/WG, Committees, Council & Assembly) based on the following requirements - cost, technology, bandwidth & expertise
  - Full remote VTC
  - Hybrid – in person & VTC
  - In person only + passive live stream
  - In person only

- Timeline
  - Draft proposed IHO Resolution by end January 2024 to Council/IHO Sec
  - Ad hoc team to launch survey (& draft proposal?) end January 2024, to seek info on MS & IHO Sec capacity & willingness to host
  - Final IHO Resolution by end March 2024 submitted by CL to MS for approval

DRAFT Resolution

DRAFT PROPOSAL: Maximising Active Participation in IHO Events

Recalling the decision A3/21 made at the 3rd Assembly and the decision C7/39 made at the 7th Council, the IHO recognises that technology enables multiple formats through which IHO events may be conducted.

Noting the need to engage all IHO Member States and interested Coastal States, it is **resolved** that the IHO will seek to achieve the maximum possible active participation at IHO events by leveraging technology, where appropriate.

Recognising that IHO events are typically hosted by IHO Member States, and that the capacity of host nations may differ, it is **recommended** that the bodies of the IHO use the most appropriate format for their events to maximise active participation, while taking into consideration the capacity of host nations and the preferences of expected participants.

It is further **recommended** that the IHO Secretariat conduct regular reviews of IHO Member State hosting capacity and participants preferences to provide evidence to support bodies of the IHO in these decisions.

IHO Stakeholder Survey – Event Participation

Preamble - Event Participation - *The IHO are keen to ensure you get the most benefit from Events by facilitating maximum active participation by all at a range of different IHO Events. To achieve this, we would like to understand your preferences for the optimal format of different types of IHO events. In addition, we would also like to ascertain which organisations would be able to support this goal by hosting IHO Events.*

The survey - 4 sections, max 9 Qs, approx. 10 mins to complete

- Section 1 Your Details

- Section 2 Your Capacity to Host IHO Events

- Section 3 Your Preference to Attend Events

- Section 4 Additional Comments

Next Steps

- IHO Sec to review DRAFT Resolution & survey

- Launch survey

- Review survey results

- Final IHO Resolution (& survey results) submitted by CL to MS for approval

IRCC16 is invited to:

- **note** the report
- **note** the DRAFT Resolution on Maximising Active Participation in IHO Events
- **note** the IHO Event Survey
- **note** the next steps
- **take** any other action considered appropriate.