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MACHC Letter 19/2021

To: Chair, IHO Inter-Regional Coordination Committee

Subject: **IHO Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 – Procedure for measuring the Strategic Performance Indicator (SPI) allocated to IRCC**

Reference: IRCC Circular Letter 1/2021

Dear Esteemed Mr. Thomas Dehling,

Through this letter, I am pleased to respond to the referenced circular letter regarding the request for contributions to elaborate appropriate procedures to identify the figures/values needed to measure the SPI allocated to IRCC where necessary, or to provide such figures/values where available.

As MACHC organized several virtual events in November, culminating with the Conference in virtual format in the first week of December, we had little time to dwell on this issue. Even so, it was possible to receive relevant comments from MACHC Members that can contribute considerably to the development of the measurement procedures of the SPIs allocated to the IRCC and I share them in the Annex.

As this is the first time that we are working with SPI measurement within the scope of OHI, I realize that it is necessary to mature in the coming months and better understand what is desired in some of the SPIs. I think it is essential that IHO seek the standardization of procedures and measurements by IHO Member States and Regional Hydrographic Commissions. I also believe that sharing with this Commission the considerations submitted by other RHCs would be of great benefit and could help us better clarify this matter. Certainly, the planned IRCC Workshop on SPIs will be key to moving forward on the consolidation of these procedures.

Therefore, I would like to request the need for extensions in timescales, given the limitations in obtaining the metrics to address the SPIs and due to difficulties in fulfilling the requirements of the Annex to IRCC CL 1/2021.

Sincerely,



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Annex:

**Comments on procedures for measuring SPIs allocated to IRCC**

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