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To: Members, Associate Members, and Observers of the IHO North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC)

Subject: **20th North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC 20) VTC Meeting, 13 -15 July 2021**

Reference: NIOHC letter No: 7/2020 Dated 29th October 2020 – 20th NIOHC Meeting Dates, Agenda Input and National Report.

Dear NIOHC Colleagues,

In accordance with Reference, the 20th North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC 20) meeting was planned to held at Galle Face Hotel in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 13 to 15 July 2021 under the condition of acceptable level of safe circumstance with regards to the Global Covid-19 situation.

After taking consideration to current condition of Covid-19 pandemic situation of the Sri Lanka and unpredictable evolution of the pandemic in the region and its consequences to the Member States, it has been concluded that conduct of NIOHC 20 in Colombo is not viable. Therefore, decision taken to conduct NIOHC 20 meeting and by video teleconference (VTC) from 13 to 15 July 2021.

The revised agenda and timetable of the NIOHC 20 VTC meeting and Instructions for joining the meeting through VTC will be posted on the NIOHC web page in due course and a test session will be planned for the week before the event.

Regret much in postponing the physical meeting whilst seeking your cooperation to meet virtually to manage and function Hydrographic affairs of the region.

Yours sincerely,

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