



NSHC Input to the IHO Strategic Plan

Introduction/Background

The IHO Assembly-3 tasked the Council to revise the current IHO Strategic Plan (SP), 2021 – 2026 for the next period (A-3/08e). A draft proposal of an IHO Strategic Plan 2027 – 2032 will be submitted to Assembly-4 (2026) by the Council. Council-7 decided to keep the current structure of the IHO SP. It was considered to still be relevant at a conceptual level (vision, goal, etc.) and the Council agreed that the objectives for the next SP should be limited to a *revision* of the current SP (C7/36). HSSC and IRCC were tasked to provide their inputs on the possible axis of evolution of the existing Strategic Plan in preparation of the revision phase (2024-2025) of the current SP (C7/37).

The Council welcomed the offer from the Council Vice-Chair to lead a correspondence group consisting of a group of Member States¹ on the ways and means to prepare the next IHO Strategic Plan. This means a proposal on the scope, TORs of a Strategic Plan Review Working Group if any, to be submitted to C-8 for approval and implementation.

Analysis/Discussion

Following Council-7 the Council Vice-Chair has proposed a draft timeline for the establishment of a Strategic Plan Review Working Group (SPRWG) as well as a draft Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures for a proposed SPRWG. The draft timeline states that IRCC-16, in 10 – 12 June 2023, will conduct a brainstorming session about the next IHO SP in conjunction with input from the RHCs and that IRCC will submit proposals to Council-8 as part of the IRCC report to the C-8. In order to gather inputs for the IRCC-16 brainstorming session the IRCC Chair has requested the RHC Chairs to gather inputs from the MS in their respective regions.

In parallel to IRCC, the IHO technical committee HSSC has started to discuss contributions to the IHO Strategic Plan. The HSSC Chair Group (Chair Team, WG and PT Chairs) had a brainstorming session in early February which resulted in an input paper to HSSC-16 which is available at the [HSSC-16 website](#).

Recommendation

NSHC Chair recommends that the respective NSHC MS provide input on the content of the IHO SP at NSHC-37 and that the incoming NSHC Chair include inputs from this Commission as part of the NSHC IRCC-16 Report.

Actions requested by NSHC

- Note this paper
- NSHC MS provide input on the content of the IHO SP at NSHC- 37
- The incoming NSHC Chair to include input on the IHO Strategic Plan as part of the IRCC-16 Report
- Take any further action as deemed appropriate

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