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**IHO-IAG ADVISORY BOARD ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE LAW OF THE SEA
(ABLOS)**

- IHO REPRESENTATIVES

Reference: IHO CL 03/2020 dated 10 January -The IHO Online Form System for Responses to Circular Letters and Input to IHO Publications (P-5 and C-55)

Dear Hydrographer,

1. According to its Rules of Procedure, the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) is composed of eight individual experts who provide advice, guidance and, where applicable, offer expert interpretation of the technical aspects of the Law of the Sea. Four experts are appointed by IHO and the other four experts by the International Association of Geodesy (IAG). The term of membership is for a period of four years and may be renewed for a further four year term. The current membership of ABLOS is listed in Annex A.

2. Mr Grant Boyes, an IHO appointed member since 2019, has confirmed his retirement from ABLOS to the Chair. His position as a member of ABLOS is therefore vacant.

3. Member States are requested to consider nominating suitable experts to fill the vacancy (Deadline: 30 November 2020), by email (cl-ic@iho.int) when using the Voting Form in Annex B, but preferably using the IHO Online Form System (see Reference) by accessing the following:

https://IHO.formstack.com/forms/cl_32_2020

4. Member States should take into consideration the Rules of Procedure for ABLOS, in particular the following two articles:

2.5. Whilst members of ABLOS are appointed by their parent Organizations (IHO/IAG), to whom they are accountable, members are expected to serve as individual experts in their own right.

2.9. Members and Observers of ABLOS are expected to be supported by their own host organizations or governments for travel expenses and work.

5. The Secretariat will examine the nominations and select the new ABLOS member, in liaison with the ABLOS Chair, Captain Izabel King Jeck, Brazil.

6. The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to express his appreciation to Mr Grant Boyes, Australia, for his valuable contribution to ABLOS activities over the years of his involvement, which commenced before his appointment to the ABLOS.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abri KAMPFER', written in a cursive style.

Abri KAMPFER
Director

Annex A: Current list of ABLOS members
Annex B: Nomination form

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List of current ABLOS members

IHO representatives:

Captain Izabel King JECK	Brazil	Jul. 2017 – Jul. 2021	Chair
Prof Hyunsoo Kim	Korea	Jul. 2017 - Jul. 2021	
Fiona BLOOR	United Kingdom	April 2019 – April 2023	

(One vacancy)

IAG representatives:

Dr Niels ANDERSEN	Denmark	Jul. 2019 - Jul. 2023	
Dr Juan Carlos BÁEZ SOTO	Chile	Jul. 2019 - Jul. 2023	Vice-Chair
Dr Marie-Françoise LEQUENTREC-LALANCETTE	France	Mar 2017 – Mar 2021	

(One vacancy)

Ex-officio members:

UN DOALOS: Mr. Vladimir JARES

IHO: Mr. David WYATT (Secretary)

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Nomination Form

(to be returned to the IHO info@iho.int by 30 November 2020)

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers

Member State

Would you like to nominate an expert to be a member of ABLOS?

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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IF YES:

Name of expert:

E-mail :

Comments :

Signature :

Date :

Attachment: CV of nominated expert