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

Reference: IHO CL 32/2020 dated 11 September - *IHO-IAG Advisory Board on Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) - IHO Representatives*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. With reference to the above, the IHO Secretariat informed Member States that one position had become vacant on the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) following the retirement of Mr Grant Boyes (Australia). In response to the above reference, the IHO Secretariat has received two nominations to fill the vacant IHO position on the ABLOS. The two nominations were:

Mr Israel Jacob Baruc Mekoul (Cameroon)
Professor Lorenzo Schiano Di Pepe (Italy)

2. The IHO Secretariat is pleased to note the interest in the ABLOS and expresses its gratitude to the two Member States who nominated suitably-qualified candidates.

3. Following previous practice, the candidates' curricula vitae were reviewed thoroughly by the IHO Secretariat and the Chair of the ABLOS, Ms Izabel King Jeck. Taking into account the criteria for selection and relevant expertise, past and current contribution to the ABLOS, current roles and responsibilities in their national institutions and potential impact to the ABLOS and geographical distribution of the current ABLOS members, the IHO Secretariat, with the agreement of the Chair of the ABLOS, sought the consent of those Member States who provided candidates, for the selection of **Professor Lorenzo Schiano Di Pepe** to fill the vacant IHO position on the ABLOS for the period 2020-2024.

4. The IHO Secretariat is pleased to report that the Member States, who nominated candidates, have not objected to the selection of Professor Lorenzo Schiano Di Pepe and would like to thank them for their support.

5. Unless an objection is raised by a Member State, the appointment of Professor Lorenzo Schiano Di Pepe will be effective from **26 February 2021**. The new updated membership list of ABLOS, which is anticipated to be effective from **26 February 2021**, is provided at Annex.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,



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Copy to: IAG Executive Committee
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Annex: List of ABLOS Members as of 26 February 2021

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