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

Reference: IHO CL 38/2023 dated 13 November - *IHO-IAG Advisory Board on Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) - IHO Representatives*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the CL in reference 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 Professor Hyunsoo Kim (Republic of Korea). In response the IHO Secretariat has received four nominations to fill the vacant IHO position on the ABLOS. The four nominations were:

- Prof. Stuart Kaye (Australia)
- Dr Sadegh Jafarzadeh Drabi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- Dr Virginie Tassin Campanella (Principality of Monaco)
- Dr Santiago Prados Prados (Spain)

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

3. Following previous practice, the candidates' curricula vitae were reviewed thoroughly by the IHO Secretariat. Taking into account the background, technical expertise, academic achievements, current roles and potential contribution to ABLOS the IHO Secretariat, sought the agreement of those Member States who provided candidates, for the selection of **Dr Virginie Tassin Campanella** to fill the vacant IHO position on the ABLOS for the period 2024-2028.

4. The IHO Secretariat is pleased to report that the Member States, who nominated candidates, have not objected to the selection of Dr Virginie Tassin Campanella and would like to thank them for their support.

5. Unless an objection is raised by a Member State, the appointment of Dr Virginie Tassin Campanella will be effective from **18 March 2024**. The new updated membership list of ABLOS, which is anticipated to be effective from **18 March 2024**, is provided in 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 18 March 2024

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