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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW WORKING GROUP  
AS ESTABLISHED BY THE 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE IHO COUNCIL**

References:

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly P-6 – Proceedings including List of Decisions,
- B. 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IHO Council – Decision C7/38,
- C. 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IHO Council – Decision C8/57,
- D. IHO General Regulations.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The IHO Council, as directed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly (Reference A, Decision A3/08), tasked a correspondence group to work on the ways and means to prepare the next IHO Strategic Plan 2027-2032 (Reference B, Decision C7/38), in time for the consideration of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly (A-4) in 2026.
2. As proposed by the Correspondence Group, the IHO Council established, at its 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Reference C, Decision C8/57), a Strategic Plan Review Working Group (SPRWG), endorsing its proposed Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures (ToRs & RoPs) and timelines. This Working Group, open to all member States, will be officially activated from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024.
3. During the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IHO Council, several Member States stated their intention to join the SPRWG as members. In particular, the Council noted the readiness of USA (Benjamin EVANS) to act as Chair, New Zealand (Adam GREENLAND) to act as Vice-Chair and Denmark (Hendrik STANG) to act as Secretary.
4. In accordance with Art. 6. (b) and Art. 6. (g) (i) of the IHO General Regulations (Reference C) and following the instructions from the IHO Council, Member States are invited to indicate or confirm their intention to participate in the activities of this SPRWG and to provide, if any, their comments on the endorsed Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures (ToRs & RoPs) and timelines available on the [SPRWG webpage](#) of the IHO website, **no later than 5 November 2024**, by email ([cl-lc@iho.int](mailto:cl-lc@iho.int)).
5. A formal kickoff meeting is expected to take place as a virtual event in the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November, to be confirmed by the Chairing team upon SPRWG activation.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General