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**COMPOSITION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW WORKING GROUP (SPRWG)**

References: A IHO CL 38/2024 dated 23 October 2024 – *Invitation to participate to the Strategic Plan Review Group as established by the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IHO Council.*

B 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IHO Council – Decision C8/57.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Circular Letter in Reference A invited Member States to consider nominating representatives and technical experts to participate in the SPRWG as established at the IHO Council 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Reference B, Decision C8/57). Member States were also invited to provide possible candidacy as an office bearer and comments on the proposed Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures (ToRs & RoPs) and timelines, endorsed by the IHO Council.
2. The IHO Secretariat thanks the following 16 Member States who responded and indicated their intention to participate: Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States of America. The list of members is attached at Annex A.
3. The following candidates, supported by the IHO Council (Reference B) were confirmed by the concerned Member States, with no other candidates received by the IHO Secretariat: RAdm Benjamin EVANS (United States of America) for Chair, M. Adam GREENLAND (New Zealand) for Vice-Chair and M. Hendrik STANG (Denmark) for Secretary. These nominations are reflected in the list of members and subject to confirmation at the formal kickoff meeting expected to take place as a virtual event in the week commencing 25th November.
4. Given the challenging timeline under which this Working Group is constrained to, the IHO Secretariat kindly invites the nominated Chair to initiate the work within SPRWG at its earliest convenience. A dedicated SPRWG webpage is already available on the IHO website, under the IHO Council section.
5. The SPRWG Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures (ToRs & RoPs) and Timelines have been made available on the SPRWG webpage for ease of reference. This consolidated version, based on the one endorsed by the IHO Council, takes into account the C-8 Actions and Decisions in Reference plus comments received from Denmark, New Zealand and United States of America.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: SPRWG List of members.

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