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CIRCULAR LETTER 46/2024
13 December 2024

**NOMINATED CANDIDATES TO JOIN THE
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION PROJECT TEAM**

References:

- A. 8th Meeting of the IHO Council – List of Decisions and Actions – Decision C8/24.
- B. Circular Letter 42/2024 – Call for Candidates to join the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Project Team (PT).

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In reference A, the IHO Council invited IRCC, assisted by the IHO Secretariat, to issue a Circular Letter for the establishment of a Project Team (PT) by the end of 2024, to draft an IHO Resolution on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and identify activities to meet the ambitions laid out in the Resolution to be finally addressed by the IHO Work Programme based on the future Strategic Plan 2027 - 2032. Reference B invited Member States to nominate candidates for such PT.
2. Responses to Reference B have been received and noted. The nominated candidates for the PT are listed in Annex A of the present Circular Letter. IHO Director Luigi Sinapi and IHO Public Relations & Communications Officer, Ms Sarah Jones-Couture will assist with the work of the Project Team.
3. The Chair and the Vice Chair of the PT will be elected at the beginning of the first meeting of the PT, which is planned for January 2025.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the Secretary-General

Luigi SINAPI
Director

Annex A:
Nominated Candidates for the Project Team

Nominated Candidates for the Project Team

Name	Member State/Organization
Evert Flier	Norway
Ben Jones	New Zealand
Rachel Gabara	New Zealand
RDML Benjamin Evans	United States
Dr. Quentin Stubbs	United States
Ct Harinda Deeshana	Sri Lanka
Manon Larocque	Canada
Sonja Bhatia	Canada
Lucy Fieldhouse	United Kingdom
Hendrik Stang	Denmark
CDRE Robyn Phillips	Australia
Hilary Thompson	Australia
Lt David Olaoluwa Odutola	Nigeria