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**CIRCULAR LETTER N° 19/2026**  
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**IHO INFRASTRUCTURE CENTRE, BUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**  
**ADVANCE NOTICE OF RECRUITMENT**

Reference : IHO 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly PRO 1.3

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Proposal PRO 1.3 concerning the establishment of the IHO Infrastructure Centre will be presented at the forthcoming Fourth Session of the IHO Assembly (A-4), scheduled for April 2026. Subject to the Assembly's approval, preparations will proceed with a view to the Infrastructure Centre commencing operations in Busan, Republic of Korea, in June 2026.

2. The Infrastructure Centre is envisaged as a specialized body responsible for the development, operation, and management of common infrastructure services under the purview of the IHO. In particular, it will support the following functions:

- S-100 standards framework
- Lifecycle management of S-100-based Product Specifications
- Operation and management of the IHO Geospatial Information Registry
- S-100 Security Scheme
- Secure distribution of S-100 data services
- Technical infrastructure support for navigational systems type approval

3. In the event of approval by the Assembly, international and locally recruited staffing procedures for the Infrastructure Centre are expected to commence promptly. Member States are therefore kindly invited to disseminate this advance notice within their administrations to allow prospective candidates to prepare. The anticipated recruitment areas may include, inter alia (subject to final confirmation following Assembly approval):

- Specialists in S-100 standards and Product Specifications
- Experts in marine geospatial data and Registry operations
- IT systems and security scheme specialists
- Administrative, financial, and operational support personnel

4. International and national recruitment will be conducted in accordance with the IHO Staff Regulations (M-7), subject to approval of the revised provisions.
5. Another IHO Circular Letter announcing the official vacancy notices and detailed job descriptions will be issued following a positive decision on the creation and installation of the IHO Infrastructure Centre by the forthcoming Assembly.
6. The IHO Secretariat looks forward to the cooperation and engagement of Member States in ensuring that the Infrastructure Centre reflects the highest level of professional competence and appropriate geographical representation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Nyberg', written in a cursive style.

Dr John Nyberg  
Director